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Minister's Message

It is a pleasure for me to introduce *"The Nova Scotia Department of Community Services 1988."*

This book serves as the Department's twenty-fourth annual report and also as a description of the growing number of programs designed to meet the needs of Nova Scotians, the latest of which is the Home Care Program, now being implemented.

Guy J. LeBlanc
Minister of Community Services

THWOOD FOUNDATION TREE OF LIFE

Hon. Thomas J. McInnis, Minister of Community Services meeting with seniors at Northwood Complex

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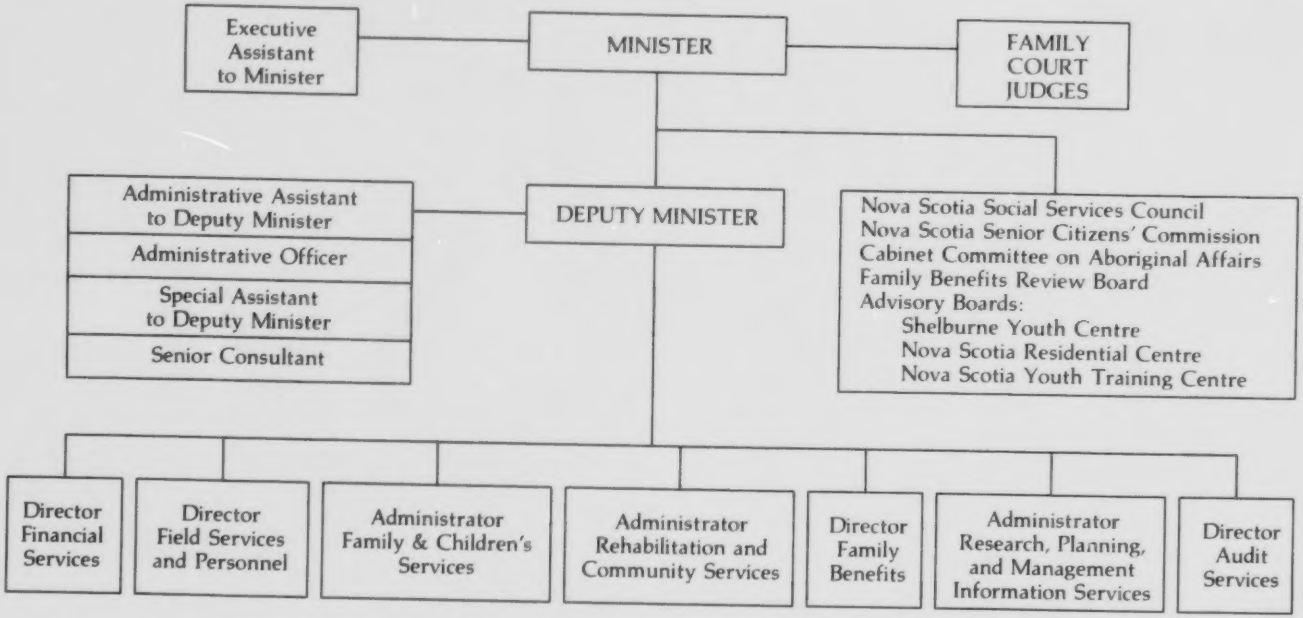
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MINISTER
FAMILY COURT JUDGES
Administrative Assistant to Deputy Minister
Administrative Officer
Special Assistant to Deputy Minister
Senior Consultant
DEPUTY MINISTER
Nova Scotia Social Services Council
Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission
Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Affairs
Family Benefits Review Board
Advisory Boards:
Shelburne Youth Centre
Nova Scotia Residential Centre
Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre
Director Financial Services
Director Field Services and Personnel
Administrator Family & Children's Services
Administrator Rehabilitation and Community Services
Director Family Benefits
Administrator Research, Planning, and Management Information Services
Director Audit Services

Ministers who have served the Department since its beginning are as follows:

Frank Roy Davis	1933-1948
Lauchlin David Currie	1948-1949
Alexander Hugh MacKinnon	1949-1950
Harold Connolly	1950-1954
Geoffrey Stevens	1954-1955
J. Clyde Nunn	1955-1956
Richard Donahoe	1956-1958
Malcolm Leonard	1958-1960
W.S.K. Jones	1960-1964
James M. Harding	1964-1968
Percy Gaum	1968-1969
Gordon A. Tidman	1969-1970
Allan E. Sullivan	1970-1972
William Gillis	1972-1973
Harold Huskilson	1973-1976
Bill MacEachern	1976-1978
Jack MacIsaac	1978-1979
Laird Stirling	1979-1981
Edmund L. Morris	1981-1987
Thomas J. McInnis	1987-1988
Guy J. LeBlanc	1989-

Deputy Ministers who have served the Department since its beginning are as follows:

Ernest H. Blois	Deputy Head	1933-1944
	Deputy Minister	1944-1947
Hiram S. Farquhar	Deputy Head	1947-1959
Fred R. MacKinnon	Deputy Head	1947-1959
	Deputy Minister	1959-1980
John Angus MacKenzie	Deputy Minister	1980-1985
Gwen Pickering	Deputy Minister	1985-1986
Carmen Moir	Deputy Minister	1986-

Mr. Carmen Moir, Deputy Minister, Department of Community Services

Deputy Minister and staff

Recent Developments in Community Services

- The Conference on the Family was held in Antigonish in June 1987 and marked the acceptance of the priority recommendations of the *Report of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services.*

- The report of the Interdepartmental Committee of Deputy Ministers on Co-ordinated Home Care was accepted by the Nova Scotia Government, and the Co-ordinator of Home Care, Mr. Robert Moody, was appointed to develop and administer the Home Care Program in Nova Scotia.

- In December 1987 the name of the Department of Social Services was changed to "Department of Community Services."

- Family Benefits shelter allowances were increased by $50 per month in December 1987 to bring maximum Family Benefits shelter allowances more in line with market shelter costs.

- The Director of Child and Adolescent Services, Trevor Townsend, was appointed to work with the Department of Health and Fitness in the development of appropriate services for children with behaviour disorders.

- A Task Force on Municipal Social Services was established to review and make recommendations relating to the municipal social assistance program in Nova Scotia, including issues of cost-sharing, eligibility and rates.

- The Province of Nova Scotia entered into an agreement with the Government of Canada to develop an employment program for social assistance recipients.

Community Service Awards

The Community Service Award was instituted in 1977 to give recognition to individuals and organizations providing voluntary service to their communities. To date, there have been 176 recipients of the award.

The following recipients were honoured on April 14, 1988:

Jackie Cajolais, Mount Uniacke
Claude Cajolais, Mount Uniacke
Percy Chapman, Halifax
Roy Publicover, Truro
Don Giles, Halifax
Robert Littler, Dartmouth
Jane Jones, Musquodoboit Harbour
Ralph "Jigger" Mott, Head of Chezzetcook
Faye Pond, Glace Bay
Hattie Rose, Port Williams
Harold Stultz, Wolfville
Jeanette Saulnier, Meteghan
Olive Zwicker, Newcombville

Honourable Arthur Donahoe, Speaker of the House of Assembly, and Honourable Thomas J. McInnis with recipients of the 1988 Community Service Awards

Community Services

Advisory Boards

Nova Scotia Social Services Council

Reverend Vincent Ihasz, Chairman
Bessie Harris, M.S.W., Executive Secretary

Council members had a busy and rewarding year. Two new members joined the Council. Mrs. Elaine Thimot replaced Mr. Ken Gaudet, and Mrs. Debra Gillis replaced Mrs. Colleen Beaton.

Six meetings of Council were held, including the attendance of Council members at the Nova Scotia Conference on the Family. In preparation for the conference, in June 1987, Council devoted two of its meetings to a thorough review of the *Report of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services.* Some Council members had been deeply involved as members of the task force working groups in the preparation of the report.

At the Conference on the Family, several members of the Council acted as chairpersons or rapporteurs for workshops. Other members were active participants in workshop discussions.

A subcommittee of Council was appointed to review the recommendations emanating from the Conference on the Family and the task force report. Based on the subcommittee's recommendations, Council decided to focus its attention on recommendation 2.1 of the task force report related to the co-ordination of services and the role of the HESS Committee. A letter was sent to the Minister on the topic, and a report was prepared for submission to him.

During the year, Council also reviewed the newly established Home Care Program, met with representatives of social service agencies, facilities and community organizations in the Truro area, and devoted time to a discussion of family policy.

In addition to Council meetings, the Executive members met on five occasions. They oversaw the preparation of agendae for Council meetings and the creation of meeting schedules, and generally assisted in keeping Council functioning throughout the year.

Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission

Jack Glassey, Chairman
Allen Clark, Co-ordinator

The Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission was established in 1972 under the Senior Citizens' Social Services Act. The Commission consists of 19 private citizens, many of them seniors, who come from all parts of the province and are appointed by the executive council of the provincial government for three years or for a shorter term. Representatives from the Departments of Education, Health and Fitness, and Advanced Education and Job Training, and from the Senior Citizens' Secretariat, also participate in Senior Citizens' Commission meetings, bringing the total membership to 23.

The mandate of the Nova Scotia Senior Citizens' Commission is:

- to conduct, direct and promote fact-finding studies and research related to aging
- to seek out and encourage people interested in providing voluntary services to citizen groups concerned with aging
- to promote new activities and social services for senior citizens through voluntary agencies and all levels of government
- to review existing legislation and government programs and make recommendations as to how these may be improved to provide better services for senior citizens, and
- to fulfil any duties assigned by the Governor-in-Council or the Minister of Community Services.

During the 1987/88 fiscal year, the Commission met on seven occasions, and the Executive met six times. Some of the activities undertaken during the year were:

- the Commission co-sponsored a pastoral care workshop with Northwood Foundation.
- seniors workshops were held with seniors clubs and councils on the Western Shore, in the Valley region and in Yarmouth.
- a seniors information session was held in Sydney with the Executive of the National Federation of Senior Citizens and Pensioners at their annual meeting.
- the Commission published an updated version of the *Directory of Senior Citizens Clubs and Councils* in 1987.
- a representative of the Commission attended the Canadian Association of Gerontology's annual meeting in Calgary.
- the Commission invited several speakers from various organizations and government departments to its regular meetings to address it on topics related to seniors.
- seniors workshops are now in the planning stages for the South Shore and the Eastern Shore with representatives from seniors clubs and councils.

Community Services

Family and Children's Services Division

W.D. Greatorex, R.S.W., Administrator

Each of the four program areas of the Family and Children's Division is organized as a separate section with its own director. The four sections are:

- Family and Children's Services
- Day Care Services
- Homemakers Services, and
- Young Offender and Court Services.

Briefly, the Family and Children's Services Section is responsible for traditional child-welfare services, including child protection services, children in care and custody, adoption services, and services to single parents. In four counties and the City of Dartmouth, these programs are provided by department staff; in the rest of the province, private children's services agencies are responsible for the delivery of these services (see Tables 1 and 2).

The Day Care Services Section is responsible for the licensing of all preschool programs caring for four or more children, and for administering the subsidy program that is available to families placing children in registered centres.

Staff of the Family and Children's Services Division

The Homemakers Services Section is responsible for the support and monitoring of the homemakers services across Nova Scotia and for the administration of the grants which the province makes available to such organizations.

The Young Offender and Court Services Section oversees the services provided to children who have been charged under the Young Offenders Act and supervises the operation of the Shelburne Youth Centre. It is also responsible for the non-legal services of the Family Court (i.e., enforcement, intake, and counselling) where available.

A few highlights for the Family and Children's Services Division for the 1987/88 fiscal year include:

- The Conference on the Family was held at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish on June 21-23, 1987. Approximately 300 delegates attended the conference, which thoroughly reviewed the recommendations contained in the *Report of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services.* The result of the conference was support for the recommendations contained in the Task Force Report and support for the recommendations that were identified for priority consideration. Following the conference, departmental officials, under the chairmanship of the then Minister of Social Services, Edmund L. Morris, reviewed the recommendations in detail and reviewed implementation plans for the various recommendations. Funding was included in the 1988-89 budget submission to begin to address the priority recommendations contained in the report.

- One of the priority recommendations contained in the Task Force Report dealt with the creation of a position responsible for the co-ordination of residential facilities and services to adolescents. During the year a senior position, Director of Adolescent Services, was created within the Division to assume these responsibilities. A similar position was approved for the Department of Health and Fitness, and the intent is that the Directors will be jointly appointed by the two Departments. Mr. Trevor Townsend, former Director of the Family and Children's Services Section, was appointed to the position within the Department of Community Services. His primary responsibility includes the provision of services to adolescents in residential facilities, and he is involved in efforts to develop crisis and assessment services for adolescents at strategic locations within the province. He is directly responsible for the Nova Scotia Residential Centre in Truro and for efforts to enhance the services of that facility to serve the needs of adolescents within the province.

- This is the last full year that Homemakers Services will be administered as part of the Family and Children's Services Division. With the development of a Co-ordinated Home Care Program within the province administered primarily by the Department of Community Services, Homemakers Services is being transferred to and integrated with the Home Care Program. The homemakers agencies have been selected to serve as the point of intake and assessment for the determination of home care needs throughout the province.

- The Government of Canada has announced its program to meet the needs of day care and child care throughout the country. The plan contains three major components: the Special Initiatives funds for demonstration and research projects in the area of child care; special arrangements for cost-sharing on capital expenditures; and the development of federal legislation that allows cost-sharing with the provinces on the day care program, separate and apart from the Canada Assistance Plan. The Department of Community Services and the federal Department of National Health and Welfare are developing an agreement between the two levels of government for Nova Scotia.

- A new position was created in the Young Offender and Court Services Section during the year, to be primarily responsible for the maintenance enforcement program in the Family Court. Mr. Hal Grainger has been appointed to this position and, in addition to his direct responsibility for the maintenance enforcement program, he is directly responsible for the implementation in this province of the new federal legislation respecting maintenance enforcement and for the computerization of this program. The federal legislation contains authority for the garnisheeing of wages and for the searching of records to locate defaulting spouses.

- Many initiatives have been taken during the year in the area of computerization. Specific areas given attention include the Family and Children's Services Program, with particular reference to child protection services, children in care, and the adoption program; the maintenance enforcement program within the Family Court; and Young Offender and Court Services.

- Recommendations contained within the *Report of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services* respecting legislation led to a number of proposals for amendments to the Children's Services Act. Following an extensive review of proposed amendments, a bill to amend the Children's Services Act was introduced to the Legislative Assembly during the fiscal year.

- Many changes have been made in the services provided at the Shelburne Youth Centre. These changes were brought about after a thorough planning process that involved staff working within the facility. As a result of the review, living units are being changed to serve young people whose needs fall within the following groupings: (1) short-term committals and remands, (2) young persons who will be pursuing academic work, (3) those needing a life skills and work-oriented program, (4) young persons with addiction problems and (5) female young offenders aged 12-17 inclusive.

Family and Children's Services Section

Trevor Townsend, M.S.W., Director

The Family and Children's Services Section provides the following services: protection services, services to children in care and custody, child caring facilities, services to unmarried mothers, adoption services, family counselling services, and transition houses.

Protection Services

Thirteen private agencies and five district offices of the Department of Community Services provide protection services under the Children's Services Act.

Protection services are the backbone of Family and Children's Services. The overall priority and philosophy of this service is to keep families together while protecting children from abuse and neglect. The better the protection services provided in the community, the fewer the children who will be taken into care.

A Child Abuse Register has been established since 1976. Under the Children's Services Act, anyone knowing of a child who appears to be in need of protection must report the situation to a local child caring agency. Once this report is investigated by the agency, and the abuse is substantiated, the case is placed in the Child Abuse Register. The goal is to protect the children involved and to help parents meet their obligations to their children. During calendar year 1987, 516 cases were reported to the Child Abuse Register.

Children in Care and Custody

The care and custody program involves planning for and supervising children whose legal guardianship has been transferred from the natural parent(s) to a children's aid society, a family and children's services agency or the Minister of Community Services through the Family Court. In 1987-88, 697 children were placed in foster homes. In many cases, children were returned to their natural parent(s) when the parents were better able to provide for them. In other cases, when a family reunion was impossible, children were placed for adoption.

In 1987-88, 70 children in care and custody were legally adopted. The younger the child is when coming into permanent care and custody, the greater the likelihood that the child will be placed in an adoptive home. Effort is made to place a child in as permanent a home as possible. Unfortunately, the older the child is when coming into care, the less the chance that an adoptive home will be found. At the present time in Nova Scotia, approximately 940 of the children in permanent care and custody are over the age of 10.

Over the last few years the Department of Community Services has emphasized permanency planning for children in care and custody. The importance of planning for the child immediately upon his or her removal from the natural family is recognized. Once an agency feels a child cannot return to the natural family, the next preferred course is adoption. If adoption does not seem feasible because of the age of the child or health problems, the next preferred option is a permanent life plan with a foster family. The Department of Community Services hopes that the "child drift syndrome" within the child care system will be totally eliminated through this approach.

Children in care and custody are supported through the Department of Community Services by maintenance payments according to age:

Age	**Monthly Board**
0-9	$231
10-19	277

The monthly board is paid to foster parents. In addition, foster parents receive a clothing allowance three times a year:

Age	**Amount**	**Yearly**
0-4	$120	$360
5-9	200	600
10+	235	705

When a child has additional needs because of medical, emotional or dental problems, the Department may provide additional money for these purposes. Special needs are determined and paid on an individual basis as required.

Child Caring Facilities

On March 1, 1988, a new position was created in the Department of Community Services for a Director of Child and Adolescent Services. This position has both separate and joint operational and reporting responsibility in conjunction with its counterpart, the Director of Child and Adolescent Services in the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Fitness. This Director will be jointly responsible for facilitating co-operation among mental health and community services facilities for children and adolescents. Other joint responsibilities will relate to the operation of emergency assessment centres and the Nova Scotia Residential Centre, and the relationship of those facilities with other community-based facilities and services for children and adolescents.

The Director of Child and Adolescent Services will have indirect responsibility for budget approval and departmental funding of 19 privately operated residential facilities in addition to the Nova Scotia Residential Centre. The operating costs of these 19 child caring facilities are covered approximately 100% by the Department of Community Services and the municipalities. Programs for the children vary with each facility and an attempt is made to place a child in a facility with a program that meets his or her needs. As of March 31, 1988, approximately 190 children had been placed in child caring facilities. (See Table 3 and Chart 1.)

The Directors of Child and Adolescent Services, in Health and Fitness and Community Services, will be promoting the development of emergency assessment centres throughout the province. In the coming year it is hoped, because the Halifax/Dartmouth metropolitan area has more resources, that a larger emergency assessment centre will be developed in the metropolitan area, with smaller facilities based on the same model in other areas.

Services to Unmarried Mothers

Services are provided to single parents to help them plan for themselves and their children before or after the birth of a child. A range of services are provided to ensure that the health, social and emotional needs of the single parent and child are met. In general the mother's needs for service are more acute than the father's because of the physical and psychological aspects of pregnancy and the legal responsibilities she carries for the child. Consequently, the services offered to the single parent are primarily geared towards meeting the needs of the mother and her child.

A comprehensive service to single parents touches upon the present (the crisis of the pregnancy and what to do about it), the past (the circumstances that led to the pregnancy) and the future (how best to plan for the child and parent). The single-parent worker encourages single parents to move through the crisis by drawing upon their personal strengths.

Children's aid societies, family and children's services agencies, the Department of Community Services, the Home of the Guardian Angel, and the Antigonish Diocesan Charities provided such services on a confidential basis to approximately 752 unmarried mothers in 1987-88. Homes providing facilities to unmarried mothers are the Home of the Guardian Angel (Halifax), Bethany Home for Girls (Halifax) and Parkdale House (Sydney). (See Table 4.)

The Parkdale and Bethany Salvation Army homes have established a mothering skills development program. The program is offered to young mothers who plan to keep their babies but lack life and mothering skills. Mothers live in with their babies for periods of up to four months and are assisted in developing parenting skills and in finding suitable living arrangements.

Adoption Services

Nineteen social agencies provide adoption services in Nova Scotia. These include 13 children's aid societies and family and children's services agencies, four district offices of the Department of Community Services, and two child-placing agencies operated under the auspices of the Catholic dioceses of Halifax and Antigonish.

The Department of Community Services also provides a Nova Scotia exchange where information concerning special-needs children requiring adoption homes may be circulated to children's services agencies throughout the province.

In 1988, 448 adoptions were completed: 230 boys and 218 girls. The number of healthy infants available for adoption is declining, and the need for adoption homes for special-needs children is increasing.

The Department of Community Services also maintains a passive adoption register. This is a system whereby adoption principals—adult adoptees, adoptive parent(s), and birth parent(s)—may register in writing their wishes for adoption information or personal contact with an adoption principal. Only non-identifying information will be provided unless the birth parent and adoptee have both indicated their interest in establishing contact. A discreet inquiry can be conducted on behalf of an adoption principal if there is a pressing medical or psychiatric need to know or if the adoptee was legitimate at the time that he or she came into care or was placed for adoption. Discreet inquiries can also be conducted if the adoptee's birth parents married each other after the child's birth or if they lived in a common-law relationship at the time of the child's birth or subsequent to the birth. In 1987-88, 1,229 post-adoption inquiries were received. (See Table 5 and Charts 2 and 3.)

Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency

In 1985 a new Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency was formed to provide child welfare services on Indian Reserves. At the present time the Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency does not have a mandate to provide legislated services. Once the agency is fully operational and the staff are trained in child protection services, a schedule for transferring over legislated services to the agency will be developed.

During the 1987/88 fiscal year, an evaluation team assessed the agency's ability to take on legislated services. It is hoped this evaluation will be positive and will recommend a schedule for takeover of services.

An Indian Child Welfare Committee made up of two representatives from the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs, two Chiefs from the Micmac Bands, and two representatives from the Nova Scotia Department of Community Services is responsible for monitoring and assisting in the development of the Micmac Family and Children's Services Agency over the period of a tripartite agreement.

Family Counselling Services

Funding in the form of grants is provided for the family counselling programs by the Department of Community Services and the family services of eastern Nova Scotia in the counties of Antigonish, Guysborough, Pictou, Richmond, Inverness, Victoria and Cape Breton and to the Association for Family Life in the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth, and in Halifax County. These counselling services are used heavily to augment protection services.

Five children's services agencies are funded to provide therapy: the Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County and the Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County have full-time counsellors, the Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County and the Family and Children's Services of Cumberland have counsellors working two and a half days a week and the Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County has a counsellor working one day a week.

The agencies provide counselling in areas such as family violence, sexual abuse, parenting skills, child and adolescent issues, assertiveness training, personal counselling, marital and family counselling, and custody and access mediation. The family therapists are also involved in many community, educational and preventive services.

Transition Houses

The Department provides assistance to transition houses for battered women. The houses are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and provide temporary safe shelter for physically, emotionally and sexually battered women and their children. Staff offer support, counselling, and advocacy services and refer the residents to a wide range of community services.

Beginning on January 1, 1983, the Department initiated a financial formula that provides the houses with 75% of their approved budgets.

Transition House	Capacity	1987-88 Approved Budget	75%
Bryony	24	$304,417	$228,313
Cape Breton	20	210,190	157,642
Tearmann	15	163,396	122,547
Juniper	15	145,536	109,152
Chrysalis	15	164,934	123,700
Harbour (opened October 1987)	15	76,931	57,698

As a result of a recommendation made in the *Report of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services,* transition house budgets were adjusted to include funding for the equivalent of one full-time child care worker position, effective October 1, 1987.

Day Care Services

Greg Gammon, M.S.W., Director

Day Care Services is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Day Care Act of 1978 and its regulations. This includes the licensing, monitoring and development of all day care facilities for children, both full-day and part-day programs, throughout Nova Scotia (see Table 6). The result of this program is the provision of services pertinent to "a child's physical, social, emotional, and intellectual development apart from the children's parents or guardian" (Day Care Act of 1978, 2[a]).

This service also processes applications for families who are applying for day care assistance, and provides subsidy payments to registered day care centres in Nova Scotia. Currently, 1,979 subsidized spaces are provided for children of families who qualify for financial assistance based on their social and economic need. On March 31, 1988, 1,684 families were receiving day care assistance for their children, who were enrolled in registered day care centres in the province at a cost of $6.7 million. (See Chart 4.)

As of March 31, 1988, 49 registered day care centres and 254 privately operated day care facilities, both full-day and part-day, were licensed under the Day Care Act and Regulations (see Table 7). Twenty-five new, privately operated facilities received a license from the Minister of Community Services enabling them to provide day care for young children.

Besides the subsidy payments provided to the 49 registered day care facilities on behalf of the families who qualify for day care assistance, the Department provides a grant to the 32 child development centres that are included in the total number of licensed facilities. The grant is to a maximum of 50% of their operating expenses, based on the proportion of economically disadvantaged children attending each centre.

Child Development Services Training Program

Child Development Services is a joint endeavour of the Department of Community Services and the Department of Education to provide training for anyone wishing to have a special qualification as a worker with young children in day care facilities. Through the leadership of Dr. Jane Norman and her staff, the program is offered at the Nova Scotia Teachers' College in Truro, and at the Froebel Resource Centre in Princeport, Colchester County. The program has three facets:

1. A two-year on-campus program, which in 1987-88 had a registration of 141 in the first year and 99 in the second year, for a total enrolment of 240 students—an increase of 31 from the previous year.
2. An extension program consisting of one evening a week within the student's own community, co-ordinated by a graduate of the program, and Saturday sessions at the Froebel Resource Centre. The extension program operated in 16 locations throughout Nova Scotia as well as at the Froebel Resource Centre. During the past year, there were 35 weekly evening sessions within the respective communities, and 15 Saturday sessions at the Froebel Resource Centre. The extension program of September 1987 had 187 students registered.
3. The Atlantic Summer School for Child Care, a 14-day program in June at the Froebel Resource Centre and the Nova Scotia Teachers' College, which is an enrichment program for staff employed in day care facilities, nursery schools, and preschoolers programs and is a requirement for students enrolled in Level IV of the extension program.

The program of June 1987 had 167 registered students. The summer school staff included world-renowned professors in the field of early childhood education from Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, who provided seminars and led group workshops. The June 1987 program was the eleventh summer school program of Child Development Services to provide individuals with an opportunity to develop skills and better understand the young child. The Princeport Play Group played an integral role in the program, providing participants with an opportunity to put theory into practice.

Homemakers Services

A. Stewart Brown, R.S.W., Director

The Homemakers Services Program is administered under the Homemakers Services Act and Regulations (1982) and, to date, 46 programs have been established throughout Nova Scotia. The larger portion of the province is enjoying the services of established agencies. However, four communities lack a formal service: the municipalities of the counties of Victoria and Cape Breton and the towns of Canso and Louisbourg. Twenty-six programs are delivered through the municipal social services departments, 8 through children's aid societies and 12 through the sponsorship of non-profit, board-managed community agencies.

Mr. Robert Moody, Director of the Co-ordinated Home Care Program, and staff

The year 1987-88 was an historical one for Homemakers Services because the program was recognized as a critical element within the government-announced Co-ordinated Home Care Program. Of major importance relative to the newly established home care program was: (1) the selection of the homemaker agency to be the entry point for all persons seeking admission to the home care program, and (2) the role each homemaker agency will be expected to perform in the multidisciplinary assessment procedure that will be critical to the delivery of home care services.

Negotiations were carried out at length with the four communities of Nova Scotia where formal homemaker agencies are not yet established. There is every indication that these areas will engage with the Department in developing their official home care access agencies.

Training for the directors of all of the homemaker agencies across the province was provided apropos of their emerging role in the Co-ordinated Home Care Program.

The program's clientele continued to grow, with the senior citizens remaining the major consumers of homemaker services.

The Nova Scotia Association of Homemakers Services continued its close liaison with the program, providing energy and consultation for the task of developing standards for the program.

The Co-ordinated Home Care Program will be a new and major division of the Department of Community Services of which Homemakers Services will become a part. However, this transition will not alter the thrust that has been the experience of the program under the Family and Children's Services Division.

Approximately 5,000 persons, most over the age of 65, received homemaker services during fiscal 1987/88, and more than 3,000 persons consistently receive active service each month.

The Family Court

The Family Court for the Province of Nova Scotia provides a forum for hearing legal matters related to family issues such as family maintenance, family violence and child protection. It is also a Youth Court, hearing matters involving young persons charged under the Young Offenders Act (Canada) and the Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act (Nova Scotia). Although the Family Court is a court of record, it is not open to the public except for matters heard under the Young Offenders Act. The following legislation and matters relating thereto are heard in the Family Court:

- Family Maintenance Act
- Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act
- Children's Services Act
- Young Offenders Act (Canada)
- Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act (Nova Scotia)
- Employment of Children Act
- Section 168 of the Criminal Code respecting people who endanger the morals of children
- Section 197 of the Criminal Code regarding people who fail to provide the necessities of life for children under the age of 16 or for a spouse
- Sections 245, 745 and 666 of the Criminal Code dealing with common assaults or threats involving husband and wife or parent and child

- Infants' Custody Act
- sections of the Solemnization of Marriage Act relating to the performance of marriage and applications from persons under the age of 16 desirous of permission to marry, and
- other acts or matters as the Governor-in-Council may from time to time approve.

Chief Family Court Judge W. Marshall Black (far right) and Mr. Carmen Moir at the swearing in of Judge J.C. Wilson, with his wife Nancy

Chief Family Court Judge W. Marshall Black (far right) and Chief Justice Loren Clarke at the swearing in of Judge Levy. (Courtesy of Jeff Wilson Photography)

The Family Court may also hear applications to vary divorce orders which are registered with the Family Court as they relate to custody and access.

For statistical information respecting the Family Court, please refer to Table 8.

Family Court Judges are authorized to hold proceedings throughout the province, although it is customary for each Judge to be assigned a particular geographical area. Family Court Judges are Youth Court Judges pursuant to an Order-in-Council, 1984, which allows for hearing matters under the Young Offenders Act. The Judges and their assigned areas are as follows::

W. Marshall Black (Chief Judge) —Annapolis and Kings counties, West Hants
J. Vernon MacDonald —Cape Breton and Victoria counties
Robert Ferguson —Cape Breton and Richmond counties
Darrell W. Wilson —Cape Breton and Inverness counties
Robert White —Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou counties
Elizabeth Roscoe —Halifax
Robert Butler —Halifax
Louis E. Moir —Halifax
Timothy Daley —Halifax
Paul S. Neidermayer —Dartmouth and Lunenburg County
John D. Comeau —Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens and Digby counties
David Milner —Cumberland and Colchester counties
Margaret Stewart —Annapolis and Kings counties
R. James Williams —Dartmouth
Corrine Sparks —Pictou and Colchester counties, East Hants
Robert Hebb —Lunenburg and Queens counties

Support services attached to the Court are administered by the Family and Children's Services Division. They are the responsibility of seven regional administrators of the Department under the day-to-day supervision of a Family Court supervisor, district supervisors, casework supervisors and/or senior Family Court officers.

Family Court Services

Intake Services

Intake services determine and assess the nature of a problem and initiate appropriate action. In the three Court centres of Halifax, Dartmouth and Sydney, intake services are provided by intake social workers. In other areas of the province, Family Court officers are responsible for this service.

Counselling Services

Short-term counselling is offered to clients of the Family Court at intake or on referral by Judges of the Court, through staff initiatives or referral by other social agencies. Families and/or individuals requiring long-term counselling are referred to appropriate ancillary services in the community.

Enforcement Services

Orders for maintenance (payment of financial support from one spouse to the other) are enforced through the Family Court. When maintenance payments are in default, the Court, by letter, summons or warrant, requires the defaulting person to appear before the Court to explain the matter. The Court has the power to garnishee wages to force the defaulting person to pay larger amounts to cover money in arrears, and the power to impose incarceration for non-payment. In certain circumstances the Court may order that arrears be excused or that the order be varied, suspended or rescinded.

Monitoring the increasing number of orders for maintenance at the Court is a paramount service of the Department. To expeditiously meet the needs of clients and ensure that orders are adhered to, the Department continues its development and implementation of an automated system which will permit and foster efficient and timely action on default matters and provide accurate information on the service. The automated system has been piloted in two Court locations and in the future will be expanded province-wide.

The Federal, Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement Assistance Act, Parts I and II, were proclaimed during the period, and concurrently the provincial Family Orders and Information Release Act was proclaimed. The legislation provides the service with the ability to trace defaulters of Court orders in a timely manner.

During the period, a permanent Family Court officer's position was established in Lunenburg County, to serve both Lunenburg and Queens counties. These areas were previously served by other Court locations. A position of Co-ordinator of Enforcement Services was staffed in February 1988 to oversee Enforcement Services provincially.

The Uniform Policy and Procedure Committee established previously has been active during the period, recommending on policy issues to senior staff of the Department.

The total collections for the period were $15,059,964.74, which includes fines levied by the Court and other monies collected.

During the year the number of orders made by the Court increased and there was also a 22 percent increase in discontinued orders. For other statistical information, please refer to Tables 9 and 10.

Young Offender and Court Services

John T. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Director

Young offender and Court services are provided to young people charged with offences under the Young Offenders Act and/or the Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act. The services include:

- preparing pre-disposition reports
- supervising probation orders
- supervising community service orders
- maintaining youth in facilities approved by the provincial director, and
- supervising and working with young people committed to open or secure custody pursuant to the Act.

Services to young offenders ages 12-17 is the shared responsibility of the Department of Community Services and the Department of the Solicitor General. An interdepartmental committee oversees the provision of services, addressing common issues to ensure consistency and to minimize duplication of services.

Nineteen probation officers, under the supervision of casework supervisors, provide ongoing supervision and direction to youth placed on probation or maintained in foster homes or other facilities as a condition of probation. They are responsible for the preparation of pre-disposition and progress reports, overseeing community dispositions made by the Court, and maintaining contact with young persons and staff in custodial facilities in preparing for a youth's eventual reintegration into the community.

For detailed statistical information on young offenders, please refer to Tables 11-13.

Young Offender Community Development Project

The Young Offender Community Development Project is a three-year demonstration project jointly funded by the Department of Community Services (Nova Scotia) and the federal Department of Justice which terminates on March 31, 1989. The Department entered into contractual arrangements with seven private societies to provide four programs throughout the province. The programs are: (1) the Alternative Measures Program, (2) the Community Service Order Program, (3) the Volunteer Program and (4) the Public Information and Awareness Program. A federal-provincial advisory committee oversees the administration of the project.

The seven societies providing services under agreement and the geographic area they serve are as follows:

Society	**Geographic Area Served**
Amherst YMCA Youth Alternative Project	Cumberland County
Island Alternative Measures Society	Cape Breton Island
Southwest Alternative Measures Program	Digby, Yarmouth and Shelburne counties
Youth Alternative Society	Halifax, Lunenburg and Queens counties
Truro Boys and Girls Club (Options for Youth Program)	Colchester County and East Hants
John Howard Society Alternative Measures Program	Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough counties
Kinsmen Club of Kentville and District (Valley Young Offender Community Development Project)	Annapolis and Kings counties and West Hants

The programs are a demonstration of community volunteers working in partnership with youth justice personnel. The services were provided by probation officers prior to the implementation of a community-based model utilizing volunteers. All seven societies have been providing services through the utilization of trained volunteers, and on March 31, 1988, 224 volunteers were providing services across the province.

During the period, 744 referrals were made to the Alternative Measures Program, and 297 were made to the Community Services Order Program, of which 192 resulted in successful completion. The Volunteer Program received 22 referrals.

In addition to full-time staff and volunteers, three branch co-ordinator positions were established during the past year in Digby, Shelburne and Port Hawkesbury to assist in the delivery of services.

A computer program was implemented during the year for compiling and analyzing statistics on the Alternative Measures Program.

Statistics regarding referrals to the programs, by region, are provided in Table 14.

Custody Facilities

There are two facilities for young offenders ages 12-15 approved and designated pursuant to the Young Offenders Act and Young Persons Summary Proceedings Act in Nova Scotia: the Cape Breton Youth Resource Centre and the Shelburne Youth Centre.

Cape Breton Youth Resource Centre

Ann Shears, Director

The Cape Breton Youth Resource Centre officially opened during the previous fiscal year. It is designated as an open custody and temporary detention centre and has a capacity for 10 male youths. Female youth are provided residence in Proctor Homes. Although separate and apart from male residents, they participate in the programs offered by the resource centre.

The centre is an approved facility for placement of young offenders as a condition of probation pursuant to the Young Offenders Act. The main focus of the facility is community interaction whereby residents utilize community school, recreational, religious and other services. Individual and group programs offered at the facility complement community resources while still providing the supervision required in an open-custody setting.

Table 15 shows detailed statistics for the facility during the period.

Shelburne Youth Centre

Mr. Heikki Muinonen, Superintendent

The number of youths committed to the Shelburne Youth Centre during the period was 154, compared with 166 the previous year. Of these, 132 were males and 22 females. One female and six male youths were committed to secure custody, and six males were committed to a combination of secure and open custody. Four male residents were transferred from another facility. Court reviews resulted in 13 youths being released on probation, and two were released by the Appeal Court. Seventeen residents were transferred to other facilities, with the majority transferring to the Cape Breton Youth Resource Centre.

The number of days of care given during the year was 18,512. Committals to secure custody represent 10% of the total number of days of care given. Remands were responsible for 2,031 days of care, a 2% increase over the previous year. The trend towards less utilization of secure custody continued, and the unit functioned at 71% occupancy this fiscal year, compared with 88% last year and 110% the year before.

Female admissions to the facility continue to be low in relation to total admissions.

Shorter terms of committal were again in evidence this year. The average length of stay, exclusive of remands, was 108 days, placing special demands on the centre's programs.

Recommendations made by the Department of Education survey team and the program review team received discussion and action throughout the period. As a result of earlier initiatives and recommendations of the program review, the centre's programs are undergoing a substantial change.

A specialized unit for remands, short-term committals, assessments, and orientation was established in January, and three other specialized program units are being planned for the coming fiscal year.

A statistical overview of the Shelburne Youth Centre is provided in Table 16.

Table 1

Comparative Statistics Showing Services by Children's Aid Societies, Family and Children's Services and District Offices*

			Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
1.	(a)	No. of children in care and custody on April 1, 1987	48	166	47	70
	(b)	No. of children committed to care and custody during the period	9	33	6	6
	(c)	No. of children committed to care and custody who were placed under care by transfer of legal guardianship	—	1	—	—
	(d)	No. of children transferred into district	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	(e)	Total of (a) (b) (c) (d)	57	200	53	76
	(f)	No. of children whose care and custody ended during period (1) by coming of age	6	17	2	2
		(2) by adoption	1	10	—	4
		(3) by marriage	—	1	—	—
		(4) by Court Order	—	5	14	—
		(5) by death	—	—	—	—
	(g)	Transfers by legal guardianship	—	—	—	—
	(h)	No. of children transferred out of district	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
	(i)	Total of (f) (g) (h)	7	33	16	6
	(j)	No. of children in care and custody on March 31, 1988	50	167	37	70
	(k)	Total no. of children committed since society founding	841	3,458	1,073	1,493

*Services to unmarried mothers noted on separate table.

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
162	35	9	94	79	97	23	49	55	33	135	38	17	51	1,208
49	12	3	8	12	24	2	5	4	5	23	—	2	6	209
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	1
N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	—	4	—	—	—	4
211	47	12	102	91	121	25	54	59	38	162	38	19	57	1,422
17	2	1	7	8	9	2	2	7	6	16	5	1	11	121
16	—	—	10	2	9	—	—	4	—	13	1	—	—	70
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2
4	1	—	2	6	10	—	5	2	1	2	—	1	2	55
—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2
—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	1
N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	—	—	1	—	3	4
37	3	3	19	16	28	2	7	14	7	32	7	2	16	255
174	44	9	83	75	93	23	47	45	31	130	31	17	41	1,167
2,592	814	30	1,279	821	1,490	507	505	890	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	15,793

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(Table 1 continued)

		Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
2.	**No. of children committed to care and custody during the period who were**				
(a)	Protestant	6	10	4	4
	Roman Catholic	—	20	2	2
	Other/No finding	3	3	—	—
(b)	Boys	3	13	4	2
	Girls	6	20	2	4
(c)	Children of unmarried mothers	1	1	2	1
(d)	Others in need of protection	8	32	4	5
3.	**No. of children in care and custody at end of period who were**				
(a)	Protestant	37	58	32	61
	Roman Catholic	9	99	4	9
	Other/No finding	4	10	1	—
(b)	Boys	26	92	23	28
	Girls	24	75	14	42
(c)	Under 5 years of age	2	15	3	3
	5 and under 10 years of age	2	25	5	9
	10 and under 15 years of age	11	53	11	36
	15 and under 19 years of age	31	64	15	13
	19 to 20 years of age	4	10	3	9

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
15	—	2	4	—	6	2	4	3	—	5	—	1	4	70
11	6	1	1	—	11	—	—	1	5	4	—	1	1	66
23	6	—	3	12	7	—	1	—	—	14	—	—	1	73
27	5	3	4	7	16	1	1	1	2	11	—	2	2	104
22	7	—	4	5	8	1	4	3	3	12	—	—	4	105
4	—	1	—	2	4	—	—	—	1	2	—	1	2	22
45	12	2	8	10	20	2	5	4	4	21	—	1	4	187
55	17	4	70	18	68	21	39	21	6	22	23	8	26	586
50	13	5	8	5	22	2	7	24	25	35	8	9	11	345
69	14	—	5	52	3	—	1	—	—	73	—	—	4	236
83	18	5	34	42	45	12	18	24	16	67	14	8	23	578
91	26	4	49	33	48	11	29	21	15	63	17	9	18	589
19	3	—	1	6	15	—	1	4	5	11	1	2	2	93
15	4	3	12	7	20	—	2	5	4	17	2	—	2	134
45	17	2	19	19	21	6	17	16	8	36	11	3	11	342
80	17	1	38	33	29	14	23	15	9	51	15	9	17	474
15	3	3	13	10	8	3	4	5	5	15	2	3	9	124

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(Table 1 continued)

	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
4. No. of children under care and custody on March 31, 1988, who were				
(a) in foster homes	31	118	24	44
(b) in independent living/boarding homes/ Independence House	7	10	1	2
(c) in adoption probation homes	—	6	4	5
(d) in N.S. Residential Centre	—	1	—	1
(e) in residental centres	—	1	1	—
(f) in S.O.S. Village	—	—	—	—
(g) in Bairncroft	—	2	—	—
(h) in N.S. Home for Coloured Children	—	1	—	—
(i) in Shelburne Youth Centre	—	2	—	—
(j) in Young Offenders Act Community Facility	—	—	1	—
(k) in N.S.Y.T.C./C.T.C.'s	1	5	3	4
(l) in free homes	—	4	1	—
(m) self-supporting	5	2	—	5
(n) with own parents	3	4	—	—
(o) in group homes	—	9	—	7
(p) other	3	2	2	2

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
70	36	6	57	46	66	18	28	29	17	56	16	14	21	697
50	1	1	4	2	1	2	4	2	1	19	9	2	9	127
15	—	—	1	10	10	—	2	2	3	10	—	—	—	68
4	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	1	16
2	—	—	5	—	2	1	1	—	—	5	—	1	—	19
3	—	1	1	—	1	—	2	—	2	6	—	—	1	17
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	3	12
—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	3
2	1	1	1	1	5	—	3	5	4	4	1	—	—	41
1	—	—	—	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10
4	—	—	7	6	1	—	4	3	1	—	—	—	—	38
6	3	—	4	4	5	—	—	2	1	3	2	—	—	37
10	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	34
2	1	—	2	1	—	1	—	2	1	16	2	—	4	41

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	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.
5. Volume of service in cases active during the fiscal year 1987/88				
(a) Adoptions				
(i) Inquiries re agency adoption	45	36	24	21
(ii) Applications approved	1	14	9	7
(iii) Homes on wait list, March 31, 1988	12	10	1	18
(iv) Adoption reports submitted: 1st report	10	66	20	18
(reports include agency and private) 2nd report	7	67	26	16
supplementary	1	5	8	5
(b) Children taken into care April 1, 1987-March 31, 1988				
(i) Registered Agreements, Sec. 8, C.S. Act	8	57	28	11
(ii) Registered Agreements, Sec. 10, C.S. Act	—	5	1	2
(iii) Under Sec. 45.1, C.S. Act	12	83	17	27
(iv) Care and custody	9	33	6	6
(c) Total number of children in care under (b) on March 31, 1988	58	229	61	83
(d) Children being supervised from other provinces on March 31, 1988	2	6	3	—
(e) Children provided protection in own homes during year	652	1,262	805	212
(f) Foster homes				
(i) Inquiries	42	65	28	24
(ii) Number of applications to foster approved	8	17	—	11
(iii) Number of foster homes in use, March 31, 1988	12	—	—	—
(g) Protection — abuse and neglect				
(i) Number of cases carried over, April 1, 1987	55	562	57	48
(ii) Number of new cases during year	55	317	109	34
(iii) Number of cases carried over, March 31, 1988	50	707	42	50
Protection — family support				
(i) Number of cases carried over, April 1, 1987	52	118	90	13
(ii) Number of new cases during year	74	167	85	20
(iii) Number of cases carried over, March 31, 1988	55	103	60	12
(h) Number of miscellaneous intakes	99	26	71	260
(i) Family counsellor intakes	55	—	165	74
(j) Family counsellor sessions	251	—	1,096	445

Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.	Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Sackville District Office	Total
106	46	12	43	36	5	5	13	17	19	163	2	4	—	597
19	3	4	1	8	—	1	2	5	8	14	3	1	—	100
62	—	15	6	9	—	15	4	6	8	26	6	6	—	204
15	18	26	28	22	37	4	16	17	10	122	10	3	—	442
20	18	26	30	18	27	3	11	20	11	135	8	2	—	445
—	—	4	1	3	—	—	1	2	1	16	—	—	—	47
72	22	6	32	23	16	6	13	31	1	112	18	4	55	515
6	—	—	3	1	5	—	1	1	4	7	1	—	—	37
88	21	14	25	28	24	4	11	12	3	51	2	3	16	441
49	12	3	8	12	24	2	5	4	5	23	—	2	6	209
255	64	13	128	95	113	29	54	61	36	211	43	19	81	1,633
—	7	7	2	6	—	—	3	—	—	5	—	1	1	43
835	532	589	905	709	247	372	261	268	147	1,688	217	111	530	10,342
117	5	15	38	38	23	23	7	32	—	60	17	3	—	537
20	1	2	16	7	12	2	—	6	—	23	4	—	—	129
47	—	12	2	28	—	4	—	16	—	85	—	7	—	213
158	79	1	68	92	19	11	20	29	35	453	65	9	236	1,997
114	112	4	318	69	52	25	13	99	12	526	72	7	256	2,194
165	71	3	94	117	55	33	4	45	20	608	62	5	237	2,368
235	84	103	72	100	90	51	42	35	23	119	41	30	114	1,412
178	76	118	106	63	87	17	79	103	13	65	45	23	135	1,454
151	86	110	63	120	94	44	61	38	23	87	49	33	137	1,326
573	8	20	146	75	63	52	59	18	75	19	10	41	51	1,666
—	—	—	—	51	—	—	47	—	—	—	—	—	—	392
—	—	—	—	627	—	—	275	—	—	—	—	—	—	2,694

Table 2

Voluntary Care Agreements
Children's Services Act
Registered with the
Department of Community Services

1987/88

Agency	Number of Agreements Signed		
	Section 8*		Section 10
F. & C.S. of Annapolis County	8	8	—
Antigonish Diocesan Charities	—	—	13
C.A.S. of Cape Breton	60	57	5
C.A.S. & F.S. of Colchester County	33	28	1
F. & C.S. of Cumberland County	11	11	2
C.A.S. of Halifax	77	72	6
F. & C.S. of Hants County	23	22	—
Home of the Guardian Angel	—	—	20
C.A.S. of Inverness-Richmond	7	6	—
F. & C.S. of Kings County	32	32	3
F. & C.S. of Lunenburg County	32	23	1
F. & C.S. of Pictou County	21	16	5
F. & C.S. of Queens County	6	6	—
C.A.S. of Shelburne County	14	13	1
F. & C.S. of Yarmouth County	35	31	1
District Offices			
Antigonish	1	1	4
Dartmouth	132	112	7
Digby	19	18	1
Guysborough	4	4	—
Sackville	66	55	—
TOTAL**	581	515	70

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* Extensions are not counted as separate agreements in the Section 8 totals. Total number of children in voluntary care under Section 8 was 515. However, there were 581 agreements signed, 66 of which were separate agreements, but for the same child or children.

** The totals on this table include agreements signed through the Antigonish Diocesan Charities and the Home of the Guardian Angel.

Table 3

Comparative Statistics for Child Caring Facilities

	Bairncroft	Home of the Guardian Angel	Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children	Boys Residential Centre	Residential Centre Halifax	Residential Centre Hebron	N.S. Residential Centre
1. (a) No. of children resident on April 1, 1987	5	2	21	10	10	11	29
(b) No. of admissions during the year	40	41	74	12	9	9	36
(c) Total of (a) and (b)	45	43	95	22	19	20	65
(d) No. of discharges during the year	37	42	71	11	9	8	28
(e) No. of children resident on March 31, 1988	8	1	24	11	10	12	37
2. No. of admissions during the year who were							
(a) boys	15	26	44	12	—	8	18
(b) girls	25	15	30	—	9	1	18
(c) birth - 5 years	—	41	—	—	—	—	—
6 years - 9 years	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
10 years - 12 years	5	—	14	3	—	5	5
13 years - 15 years	33	—	50	7	9	4	28
16 years - 20 years	2	—	7	2	—	—	3
3. Average length of stay (in days) in the facility							
(a) of number discharged during the year	41.4	13	97.1	310	466.6	351.2	298
(b) of those resident at the end of the year	65	7	354.1	209	269.3	310.6	295
4. (a) No. of children cared for during the year	45	43	95	22	19	20	65
(b) Total number days of care during the year of all children in 4 (a)	1,900	544	7,923	3,571	2,923	4,205	10,981
(c) Average cost of care per child per day	N.A.	135	75.16	94.54	133.97	79.88	152.95
5. No. of persons on staff of the facility							
(a) Superintendent	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
(b) Social Workers	—	2 + 1 p.t.	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Nurses	—	2 + 7 p.t.	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Counsellors	7	—	2	7	—	—	19
(e) Child Care Staff	—	—	10	—	9	7	—
(f) Houseparents	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
(g) Domestic	—	—	1	1	1	—	2

C.A.S. of Halifax Group Home	D.H. Johnson House	Dept. of Community Services Ind. Home	F. & C.S. of Hants Co. Group Home	F. & C.S. of Lunenburg Co. Group Home	Hawthorne House	Jubien House	Liscombe Group Home	Ramsay House	Shelburne Receiving Home	Sisters of the Good Shepherd—G.H.	S.O.S. Children's Village	Whitney Avenue Group Home	Y.M.C.A. Walnut St. Group Home	Total
4	9	4	4	4	7	9	3	6	2	5	15	4	5	169
9	81	4	19	2	60	51	18	24	23	1	6	18	24	561
13	90	8	23	6	67	60	21	30	25	6	21	22	29	730
8	81	6	17	2	60	52	15	24	23	2	2	16	26	540
5	9	2	6	4	7	8	6	6	2	4	19	6	3	190
9	—	—	19	—	60	—	16	13	2	—	3	7	24	276
—	81	4	—	2	—	51	2	11	21	1	3	11	—	285
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	42
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	7
1	2	—	—	—	6	—	1	—	2	—	1	1	7	53
6	67	—	13	1	49	30	10	10	7	—	3	14	10	351
2	11	4	6	1	5	21	7	14	12	1	—	3	7	108
113.4	40.7	312.8	90.1	528.5	44.4	51.9	53	42	30	540	901.5	98.2	103	
307.4	93.3	144	93.7	525.8	173.7	262	263.2	481.6	100	637.7	784.9	62.5	125.3	
13	90	8	23	6	67	60	21	184.3	25	6	21	22	29	
1,702	2,974	1,343	1,487	1,417	2,516	3,049	1,506	2,149	869	1,752	5,597	1,061	1,594	
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	35
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	26
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5

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(Table 3 continued)

	Bairncroft	Home of the Guardian Angel	Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children	Boys Residential Centre	Residential Centre Halifax	Residential Centre Hebron	N.S. Residential Centre
(h) Cook	1 p.t.	—	1	1	1	—	3
(i) Other	—	—	2	1	1	1	13
Total number of staff	9	13	17	11	14	10	38
6. No. of persons on staff of the facility							
(a) Group Home Parent(s)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Superintendent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Social Workers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Nurses	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(e) Counsellors	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(f) Child Care Staff	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(g) Houseparents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(h) Domestic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(i) Cook	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(j) Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total number of staff	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

C.A.S. of Halifax Group Home	D.H. Johnson House	Dept. of Community Services Ind. Home	F. & C.S. of Hants Co. Group Home	F. & C.S. of Lunenburg Co. Group Home	Hawthorne House	Jubien House	Liscombe Group Home	Ramsay House	Shelburne Receiving Home	Sisters of the Good Shepherd—G.H.	S.O.S. Children's Village	Whitney Avenue Group Home	Y.M.C.A. Walnut St. Group Home	Total
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	18
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	112
2	—	2	—	2	—	—	2	—	2	—	2	2	2	16
—	1	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	6½	—	4	—	6½	6½	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	27½
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	3
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	5
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
2	7½	2	5	2	8½	7½	2	4	2	4	7	2	2	57½

Table 4

Comparative Statistics Showing Services to Unmarried Mothers and Children by Child Placing Agencies and Maternity Homes

	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.	Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.
1. No. of active unmarried mother cases open on April 1, 1987	3	12	9	4	20	11	3
2. No. of cases opened during the year	5	45	23	8	50	12	9
3. No. of cases closed during the year	7	36	20	9	55	20	9
4. No. of active cases open on March 31, 1988	1	21	12	3	15	3	3
5. Residence of unmarried mother (No. 2)							
In Nova Scotia	5	45	23	7	50	12	9
Outside of Nova Scotia	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
6. Ages of unmarried mothers counselled (No. 2)							
15 and under	—	11	2	3	2	2	—
16-20	3	25	16	2	34	8	6
21-25	2	7	4	2	10	1	3
26-30	—	2	1	1	3	1	—
31-35	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
36 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
7. No. of children under care on April 1, 1987							
(a) Child care facility	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Foster home	—	1	—	—	9	—	—
(c) With mother	—	—	—	—	6	—	—
(d) Free home placement	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
8. No. of children admitted to care							
(a) Mother in unmarried mother program	—	2	1	2	26	—	—
(b) Mother unknown or child deserted	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Referred by another agency	—	5	—	—	—	—	—
9. No. of children discharged from care							
(a) Child returned to mother's care	—	4	—	1	6	—	—
(b) Child taken into care and custody	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
(c) Child died	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
(d) Child referred to another agency	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(e) Notice of proposed adoption filed	—	5	1	1	10	—	—

Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Home of the Guardian Angel	Antigonish Diocesan Charities	Salvation Army Bethany Home	Salvation Army Parkdale House	Total
5	8	3	—	4	2	2	53	4	2	23	48	2	5	223
10	13	35	2	4	—	5	93	8	2	120	35	32	18	529
5	14	37	2	7	2	6	94	6	1	115	51	25	12	533
10	7	1	—	1	—	1	52	6	3	28	32	9	11	219
10	13	33	2	4	—	4	90	8	2	107	34	31	18	507
—	—	2	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	13	1	1	—	22
—	2	1	—	—	—	—	15	—	—	14	1	3	3	59
7	8	31	2	4	—	3	63	7	—	71	24	19	11	344
2	2	3	—	—	—	2	10	1	2	28	7	7	—	93
1	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	6	2	3	4	27
—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	1	—	—	4
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	3
—	—	1	—	—	1	1	5	1	—	—	2	—	—	21
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3	—	4	—	1	—	4	25	1	1	41	12	9	3	135
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	6
—	—	—	—	1	—	—	12	—	—	8	2	4	4	42
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	—	4	—	10
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
3	—	5	—	—	1	5	8	2	—	32	11	—	—	84

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(Table 4 continued)

	Annapolis F. & C.S.	Cape Breton C.A.S.	Colchester C.A.S. & F.S.	Cumberland F. & C.S.	Halifax C.A.S.	Hants F. & C.S.	Inverness-Richmond C.A.S.
10. No. of children under care, March 31, 1988							
(a) Child care facility	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Foster home	—	—	—	—	18	—	—
(c) With mother	—	—	—	—	5	—	—
(d) Free home placement	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
11. No. of children in No. 10 who were							
(a) Protestant	—	—	—	—	20	—	—
(b) Roman Catholic	—	—	—	—	3	—	—
(c) Other/No finding	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
(d) Boys	—	—	—	—	13	—	—
(e) Girls	—	—	—	—	10	—	—

Kings F. & C.S.	Lunenburg F. & C.S.	Pictou C.A.S.	Queens F. & C.S.	Shelburne C.A.S.	Yarmouth F. & C.S.	Antigonish District Office	Dartmouth District Office	Digby District Office	Guysborough District Office	Home of the Guardian Angel	Antigonish Diocesan Charities	Salvation Army Bethany Home	Salvation Army Parkdale House	Total
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	1	—	—	25
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	9
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	—	1	—	—	1	—	27
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	1	—	—	8
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	18
—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	1	1	18

Table 5

Adoption Services

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

A. Adoptions

1. Number of children adopted 448

2. Age grouping of children at time of legal adoption:

Under 1 year	87	8 years	28
1 year	68	9 years	27
2 years	28	10 years	18
3 years	34	11 years	19
4 years	27	12 years	13
5 years	32	13 years	5
6 years	23	14 years	5
7 years	27	15 years	7
		16 years	—

Average age at time of adoption: 5 years, 1 month.

3. Place of birth of children in No. 1:

(a)	Annapolis	8	Inverness	5
	Antigonish	12	Kings	28
	Cape Breton	60	Lunenburg	9
	Colchester	25	Pictou	24
	Cumberland	11	Queens	2
	Digby	6	Richmond	—
	Guysborough	—	Shelburne	2
	Halifax	160	Victoria	—
	Hants	6	Yarmouth	25
(b)	Out of province	65	Birthplace not available	—

4. Number of children in No. 1 born:

(a) In wedlock 118 (b) Out of wedlock 330

5. Religion of children in No. 1:

(a) Protestant 231 (b) Roman Catholic 179 (c) Other 38

6. Length of stay of children in adoption home prior to completion of adoption:

Under 1 year	175	8 years	2
1 year but not over 2 years	163	9 years	—
2 years but not over 3 years	51	10 years	1
3 years	21	11 years	1
4 years	14	12 years	—
5 years	11	13 years	—
6 years	8	14 years	—
7 years	1	15 years	—

Average length of stay in adoption homes: 1 year, 7 months.

7. **Lapse of time between filing of notice and completion of adoption:**

Under 1 year	308	5 years	1
1 year but not over 2	123	6 years	—
2 years but not over 3	11	7 years	—
3 years	2	8 years	—
4 years	3		

Average lapse of time between filing of notice and completion of adoption: 9 months.

8. **Number of children in No. 1 who were later adopted, where a certificate was granted by the Minister for the waiving of the 6 months of waiting time:** 4.

9. **Number of children in No. 1 placed by:**

(a)	Children's Aid Societies	84
(b)	Director of Family & Children's Services	32
(c)	Child Caring Institutions	47
(d)	Out of Province Agencies	—
(e)	Private — with relative	250
	— with non-relative	31
(f)	Director of Children's Aid Society	4

10.	(a)	**No. of children in No. 1 adopted by two parents**	440
	(b)	**No. of children in No. 1 adopted by one parent**	8

11.	(a) **Boys**	230		(b) **Girls**	218

B. Adopting Parents

12. (a) **Classification of adopting father in 10(a) by age:**

21-29	122	50-59	12
30-39	236	60-69	3
40-49	67	Not available	8

Average age of adopting father is 34 years, 5 months.

(b) **Classification of adopting mother in 10(a) and (b) by age:**

Under 20	3	50-59	5
20-29	205	60-69	1
30-39	195	Not available	—
40-49	39		

Average age of adopting mother is 31 years, 5 months.

13. **Residence of adopting parents in 10(a) and (b):**

Annapolis	12	Kings	20
Antigonish	9	Lunenburg	14
Cape Breton	62	Pictou	24
Colchester	36	Queens	2
Cumberland	17	Richmond	4
Digby	6	Shelburne	9
Guysborough	3	Victoria	—
Halifax	180	Yarmouth	22
Hants	18	Out of Province	4
Inverness	6		

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(Table 5 continued)

14. No. of children in No. 1 adopted into families:

(a) Owning a home	320	(b) Renting a home	128

15. Occupational classification of:

(a) **Adopting Fathers:**

Professional	75	Semi-Skilled Tradesman	30
Business	84	Labourer	103
Armed Services	31	Primary Industries	16
Skilled Tradesman	79	Not Available	30

(b) **Adopting Mothers:**

Housewife	230	Semi-Skilled Tradesman	29
Professional	43	Labourer	23
Business	23	Primary Industries	43
Armed Services	4	Not Available	7
Skilled Tradesman	46		

16. Classification of income of families adopting children in No. 1:

Under $7,000	6
$ 7,000 to 7,999	2
8,000 to 8,999	4
9,000 to 9,999	—
10,000 to 14,999	37
15,000 to 19,999	35
20,000 to 24,999	59
25,000 to 29,999	48
30,000 to 34,999	61
35,000 to 39,999	47
40,000 to 44,999	35
45,000 to 49,999	28
Over $50,000	85
Not stated	1

Average income of families in No. 16 is $33,664.43.

17. Religion of parents adopting in No. 1:

	Father	Mother
(a) Protestant	235	234
(b) Roman Catholic	163	179
(c) Other	45	35

Table 6

Day Care Services

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

	Private	Registered
Number of applications received	64	4
Number of applications pending previous year	12	0
Number of new centres licensed in 1987	25	0
Number of centres closed	10	1
Number of applications pending year-end	8	0
Number of licensed centres	294	49
Full day	101	49
Part day	193	0
Total licensed centres (private & registered)	343	
Licensed capacity	6,215	2,827
Full day	2,487	2,827
Part day	3,728	0
Total licensed capacity (private & registered)	9,042	
Number of visits to day care facilities by Head Office staff (private & registered)	550	

Table 7

Day Care Services: Regional Analysis of Centres & Spaces

March 31, 1988

	Halifax Region	Cape Breton Region	North Shore Region
A. Registered Centres	22	11	4
Subsidized Spaces	1,199	341	79
Non-Subsidized Spaces	435	134	91
Total Spaces	1,634	475	170
B. Private Centres & Child Development Centres	137	31	16
Private & CDC Spaces	3,076	668	297
C. Total Centres	159	42	20
Total Spaces	4,710	1,143	467

Central Region	Valley Region	Western Region	South Shore Region	Total
2	3	5	2	49
85	95	120	60	1,979
16	59	63	50	848
101	154	183	110	2,827
33	31	25	21	294
685	639	448	402	6,215
35	34	30	23	343
786	793	631	512	9,042

Table 8

Family Court Statistics*

Year ending March 31, 1988

	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACT							
Number of Children Brought Before the Court							
Believed to be in need of protection	10	7	261	27	69	6	4
Unmanageable while in care and custody under Section 55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unmanageable while in the charge of the Minister	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Application for termination	0	0	4	15	8	0	0
Other	3	10	8	21	2	1	3
Total	13	17	273	63	79	7	7
Disposition re Children Brought Before the Court							
Adjourned under Section 49(1)(a)	4	0	178	9	19	1	0
Temporary care and custody Section 49(1)(a)(i)	27	3	55	6	6	2	2
Referral under Section 49(1)(a)(ii)	3	0	6	0	0	0	0
Dismissed under Section 49 (1)(b)	4	0	25	8	3	2	1
Adjourned under Section 49(1)(c)(i)	10	0	57	7	3	1	0
Care and custody under Section 49(1)(c)(ii)	9	10	32	6	6	1	2
Adjourned Section 52(3)(a)	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Adjourned Section 52(3)(b)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Terminate care and custody Section 52(3)(c)	0	3	7	11	2	0	0
Application for termination dismissed 52(3)(d)	0	0	7	0	3	0	0
Others	5	1	8	16	18	0	0
Total (includes adjournments)	62	17	378	63	60	7	5
General							
Parent-Child(ren) Unit Actions Initiated	13	11	141	50	47	7	6
Hearings	62	11	337	50	53	6	6

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* Table includes statistical information regarding matters before the Court during the period April 1, 1987, to March 31, 1988, but does not include all matters.

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
610	49	9	27	24	28	6	12	40	12	22	1,223
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	7
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
17	0	0	3	7	16	0	0	6	0	11	87
36	3	7	6	9	7	1	0	8	0	7	132
665	52	16	36	41	51	7	12	59	12	40	1,450
122	8	1	45	7	0	3	2	14	4	13	430
272	19	12	77	12	32	1	0	5	0	0	531
8	6	5	51	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	86
56	4	4	8	0	27	0	0	14	0	2	158
85	5	0	5	0	6	1	1	3	0	5	189
73	9	1	0	4	25	0	4	7	6	3	198
0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	2	1	2	16
1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	3	9
9	3	0	0	3	6	0	0	3	0	1	48
13	0	0	0	2	12	0	0	1	1	3	42
63	6	5	10	4	8	2	0	10	0	8	164
702	60	28	197	35	127	7	12	59	12	40	1,871
260	39	5	36	65	91	6	3	36	7	26	849
711	52	8	245	45	92	7	6	59	12	27	1,789

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(Table 8 continued)	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
FAMILY MAINTENANCE ACT							
Number of Applications Commenced							
For maintenance under Sections 3 and 9	85	66	694	112	159	65	32
For maintenance under Section 11	16	54	348	45	64	31	32
For maintenance under Section 15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
For custody and access pursuant to Section 18(1)	77	71	436	141	162	113	28
To change order under Section 40(2)	11	13	220	67	99	15	5
Default actions under Section 39	132	109	1,024	156	299	336	47
To change order under Section 36	20	42	228	75	132	41	15
Other	5	25	23	24	94	48	20
Total number of applications	346	380	2,973	620	1,009	649	179
Total number of hearings	424	323	3,438	620	683	291	154
MAINTENANCE ORDERS ENFORCEMENT ACT							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Application to vary	0	1	14	4	4	0	1
Provincial	1	3	83	9	5	3	0
Confirming	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
Default action	6	1	8	27	43	2	0
Rescinded	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	5	106	41	53	5	1
Total number of hearings	8	5	111	41	25	4	1
SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGE ACT							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Consents granted	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Consents refused	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Marriages performed	0	0	2	0	11	0	0
Total number of hearings	0	0	2	0	11	1	0

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
1,043	76	81	219	113	282	31	14	76	31	171	3,350
304	23	25	32	26	75	3	5	10	3	39	1,135
10	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
557	50	73	166	83	247	15	15	24	18	9	2,285
438	20	9	77	45	51	27	13	30	0	49	1,189
917	129	112	332	163	251	93	40	350	39	581	5,110
412	34	37	158	18	143	5	7	36	0	89	1,492
35	9	27	0	1	57	0	0	43	0	99	510
3,716	342	364	984	452	1,106	174	94	569	91	1,037	15,049
4,922	312	306	1,184	405	1,129	61	110	247	93	549	15,251
6	0	6	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	39
91	1	0	15	1	8	1	0	1	2	3	227
30	0	0	3	0	11	0	0	3	0	8	58
58	8	11	13	0	9	0	1	0	2	1	190
0	0	0	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	7
185	9	17	39	1	29	1	2	4	4	12	521
220	9	16	71	1	33	1	2	3	4	9	564
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	36
1	0	1	0	0	22	0	0	0	0	0	38

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(Table 8 continued)	Annapolis	Antigonish	Cape Breton	Colchester	Cumberland	Digby	Guysborough
CRIMINAL CODE							
Number of Actions Commenced							
Section 168	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section 197	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Section 666	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
Section 245	0	1	106	10	8	5	1
Section 745	1	2	69	18	0	5	0
Section 746	0	0	9	2	32	0	0
Total	2	3	186	30	40	10	1
Total number of hearings	2	3	304	30	32	3	1
INFANTS' CUSTODY ACT							
Total number of hearings	496	342	4,192	691	751	299	156

Halifax	Hants	Inverness	Kings	Lunenburg	Pictou	Queens	Richmond	Shelburne	Victoria	Yarmouth	Total
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
23	4	5	11	0	18	0	4	4	3	8	211
136	4	3	11	0	13	0	4	1	2	2	271
34	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	80
243	9	8	22	0	33	0	8	5	5	10	615
241	8	7	26	0	36	0	8	2	8	2	713
5,384	329	330	1,281	406	1,220	62	120	252	105	560	16,976

Table 9

Family Court Statistics
Enforcement Services
Family Court Maintenance Orders and Collections

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

	Cape Breton Region	**Cape Breton Region**	**Halifax**	**Dartmouth***
	Victoria & Cape Breton counties	Richmond & Inverness counties	City of Halifax & county	City of Dartmouth & county
(a) No. of cases where court order was issued	313	75	602	156
(b) No. of cases where court orders were discontinued	162	10	18	42
(c) No. of active court order cases at end of year	1,937	310	1,719	1,455
(d) No. of court order violations	1,071	141	607	208
(e) Total collections from court orders during the year	$2,819,599.80	$372,199.70	$3,555,841.81	$1,473,006.31

	North Shore Region	**North Shore Region**	**North Shore Region**	**Central** Region**	**Western Region**	**Total**
	Cumberland County	Pictou Antigonish Guysborough counties	Colchester East Hants counties	Kings Annapolis Lunenburg West Hants counties	Yarmouth Shelburne Digby Queens counties	
(a)	223	234	309	177	215	2,304
(b)	69	40	43	180	375	939
(c)	581	1,353	714	1,811	997	10,877
(d)	299	436	348	794	1,206	5,110
(e)	$791,183.74	$1,814,912.00	$726,360.12	$2,123,358.11	$1,383,103.15	$15,059,564.74

* Combined computer and manual figures.

** Combined computer, manual and Lunenburg figures.

Table 10

Family Court Collections: Ten-Year Overview

1978-88

Year	**Collections**
1978-79	$4,054,721.57
1979-80	4,722,780.35
1980-81	6,755,635.29
1981-82	7,867,966.06
1982-83	9,497,736.08
1983-84	11,010,931.28
1984-85	12,671,623.95
1985-86	14,445,817.74
1986-87	15,916,036.15
1987-88	15,059,564.74
Total	$102,012,813.21

Table 11

Young Offender Statistics: Offenders by Age, Sex and Statute

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

Statute	Age	12		13		14		15		16		unknown		Total
	Sex	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Criminal Code		13	75	31	151	53	251	61	391	2	25	1	17	1,071
Education Act		1	1	4	5	1	1	2	2	—	—	3	2	22
Food and Drug Act		—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	3
Liquor Control Act		—	—	—	3	7	16	6	43	—	2	—	—	77
Motor Vehicle Act		—	3	—	6	—	24	4	38	—	1	—	—	76
Narcotics Control Act		—	—	—	—	1	1	—	4	—	—	—	1	7
Young Offenders Act (33)		—	2	—	11	10	17	13	26	1	24	2	4	110
Other Federal Statutes		—	—	—	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	—	—	4
Other Provincial Statutes		—	3	—	1	—	4	1	18	—	—	—	2	29
Total		14	84	35	177	72	317	87	526	3	52	6	26	1,399

Note: The count is by a severity scale, and any more than one statute violated is not included.

Table 12

Young Offender Statistics: Offences by Age, Sex and Statute

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

Statute	Age	12		13		14		15		16		unknown		Total
	Sex	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Criminal Code		18	119	42	277	78	446	87	627	3	41	1	22	1,761
Education Act		1	1	6	5	1	2	2	2	—	—	3	2	25
Food and Drug Act		—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	3
Liquor Control Act		—	—	—	4	7	18	8	52	—	3	—	—	92
Motor Vehicle Act		—	3	2	12	—	35	6	64	—	4	—	1	127
Narcotics Control Act		—	—	—	—	1	2	—	8	—	—	—	2	13
Young Offenders Act (33)		—	5	—	17	11	28	14	51	2	31	2	4	165
Other Federal Statutes		—	—	—	—	—	3	—	3	—	—	—	—	6
Other Provincial Statutes		—	4	—	3	—	4	1	24	—	—	—	2	38
Total		19	132	50	318	98	539	118	833	5	79	6	33	2,230

Table 13

Young Offender Statistics: Legal Representation by Age and Sex

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

Legal Representation	Age	12		13		14		15		16		unknown		Total
	Sex	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Court Appointed		—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Don't Know		—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Legal Aid		5	47	16	110	43	177	43	306	3	34	5	18	807
None		8	28	16	46	25	106	37	181	—	15	1	7	470
Not Known		—	1	1	1	—	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	11
Private		1	8	2	17	3	30	5	36	—	3	—	1	106
Total		14	84	35	177	72	317	87	526	3	52	6	26	1,399

Note: The count of offenders is by one statute violation on a severity scale, and any more than one violation is not shown.

Table 14

Young Offender Community Development Project: Referrals Received

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Total	% of Total
ALTERNATIVE MEASURES PROGRAM														
Halifax	22	32	42	24	42	33	28	37	28	35	22	42	387	52%
Yarmouth	2	3	3	1	1	4	1	15	2	1	3	2	38	5%
Kentville	1	3	5	4	6	5	8	12	4	10	5	5	68	9%
Truro	14	11	11	3	2	—	16	3	4	—	6	9	79	11%
Amherst	2	—	—	10	2	11	1	—	4	2	3	3	38	5%
New Glasgow	1	3	1	12	12	12	4	1	5	1	—	6	58	8%
Sydney	12	2	—	10	10	8	4	7	6	6	8	3	76	10%
Total	54	54	62	64	75	73	62	75	53	55	47	70	744	100%
COMMUNITY SERVICE ORDER PROGRAM														
Halifax	6	3	7	2	2	6	7	5	11	4	7	9	69	23%
Yarmouth	—	5	10	—	9	5	2	5	1	4	2	7	50	17%
Kentville	5	1	1	6	—	9	2	4	2	—	4	2	36	12%
Truro	3	1	2	2	1	4	2	1	3	1	6	4	30	10%
Amherst	1	—	5	2	1	3	3	3	2	—	2	1	23	7%
New Glasgow	1	1	—	4	5	1	1	2	7	6	3	6	37	13%
Sydney	2	3	3	1	5	3	4	—	2	3	15	11	52	18%
Total	18	14	28	17	23	31	21	20	28	18	39	40	297	100%
VOLUNTEER PROGRAM														
Halifax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	2	9%
Yarmouth	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kentville	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Truro	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	1	3	14%
Amherst	—	—	—	—	2	—	5	—	—	1	—	—	8	36%
New Glasgow	—	—	—	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	4	18%
Sydney	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	2	5	23%
Total	—	—	—	2	3	—	5	2	3	2	2	3	22	100%

Table 15

Cape Breton Youth Resource Centre
Statistical Report

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

		Male	Female	Total
1.	**Youth in care on April 1, 1987**	6	0	6
2.	**Youth admitted, April 1, 1987, to March 31, 1988**			
	Open custody	18	2	20
	Condition of probation	6	1	7
	Number transferred	7	0	7
	Total open custody	25	2	27
	Total condition of probation	9	1	10
3.	**No. of releases since April 1, 1987**			
	Section 28	1	0	1
	Section 29	6	0	6
	Order of Appeal Court	1	0	1
	Released, end of custody period	3	2	5
	Released, condition of probation	1	0	1
	Total number released during period	12	2	14
4.	**Days of care provided during period**			
	Open custody	1,918	41	1,959
	Condition of probation	570	54	624
	Remand	14	0	14
5.	**No. of temporary releases granted pursuant to YOA**	690	5	695
6.	**No. of temporary releases revoked pursuant to YOA**	1	0	1
7.	**No. escaping custody**	10	0	10
8.	**No. charged with escaping custody**	1	0	1
9.	**No. remanded to temporary detention**	1	0	1
10.	**No. remanded to temporary detention for assessment**	0	0	0
11.	**Ages of youths admitted to custody**			
	Age 12	1	0	1
	Age 13	0	0	0
	Age 14	3	0	3
	Age 15	7	2	9
	Age 16	17	2	19

12. **Staff complement**	**Total**
Administrative, managerial and supervisory	2
Psychological and social	1
Academic and vocational tutors	6
Daily living and recreational	7
Secretarial, stenographic and clerical	1
Cooks, domestics, seamstresses	1
Maintenance, janitorial	2
Total	20
Volunteers	6

Table 16

Shelburne Youth Centre Statistical Report

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

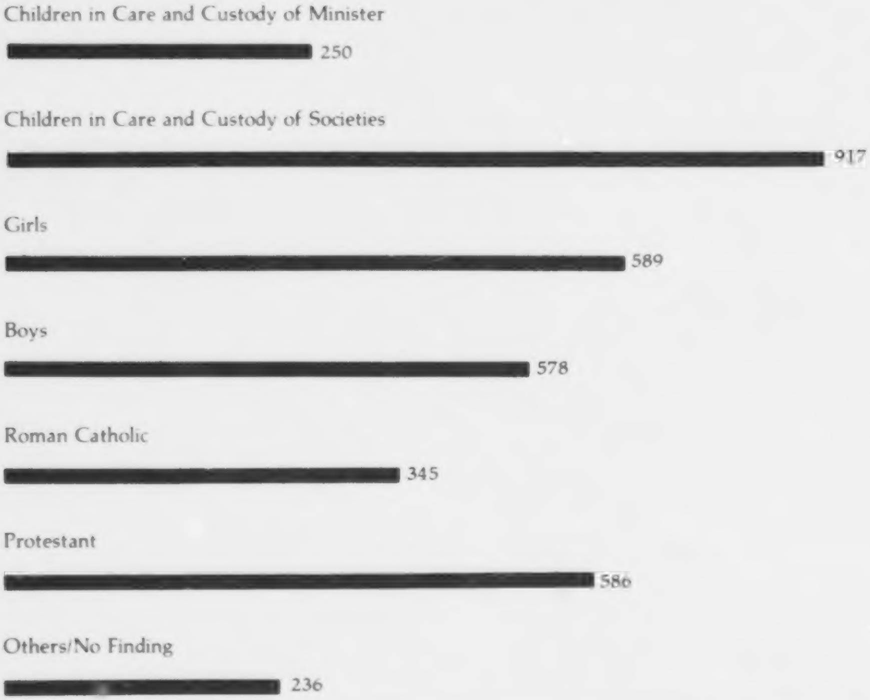
		Male	Female	Total
1.	**Youth in care on April 1, 1987**	45	7	52
2.	**Youth committed from April 1, 1987, to March 31, 1988**			
	Open custody	116	21	137
	Secure custody	6	1	7
	Combination open/secure custody	6	0	6
	No. transferred from other facilities	4	0	4
	Total since April 1, 1987	132	22	154
3.	**No. of releases since April 1, 1987**			
	Section 28	8	0	8
	Section 29	5	0	5
	Order of Appeal Court	1	1	2
	Released end of custody period	93	19	112
	Transferred to other facilities	15	2	17
	Total number released during period	122	22	144
4.	**Days of care provided during period**			
	Open custody		14,662	
	Secure custody		1,819	
	Remand		2,031	
	Total days of care		18,512	
5.	**No. of temporary releases granted**	223	31	254
6.	**No. of temporary releases revoked**	—	—	—
7.	**No. escaping custody**	36	6	42
8.	**No. charged with escaping custody**	26	1	27
9.	**No. remanded to temporary detention**	75	21	96
10.	**No. remanded to temporary detention for assessment**	46	11	57

	Male	Female	Total
11. Ages of youth committed/transferred to custody:			
Age 12	1	0	1
Age 13	13	0	13
Age 14	33	4	37
Age 15	62	4	66
Age 16	23	14	37
12. No. of youth committed for:			
Armed robbery	2	0	2
Break and enter	3	0	3
Break, enter and theft	34	1	35
Assault causing bodily harm	9	2	11
Theft	45	13	58
Other	39	6	45
13. Staff complement			
Administrative, managerial and supervisory			12
Psychological and social			4
Academic and vocational			10
Daily living and recreational			38
Secretarial, stenographic and clerks			7
Cooks, domestics, seamstresses			9
Maintenance, janitorial			7
Total			87

Chart 1

Children in Care and Custody

March 31, 1988



What Ages?	
Birth to 4 years	93
5 to 9 years	134
10 to 14 years	342
15 to 18 years	474
19 to 20 years	124

Where Were They?	
Foster Homes	697
Independent Living/Boarding Homes/ Independence House	127
Adoption Probation	68
Free Home	10
Self-supporting	38
Own Parents	37
Child Caring Facilities	149*
Others	41

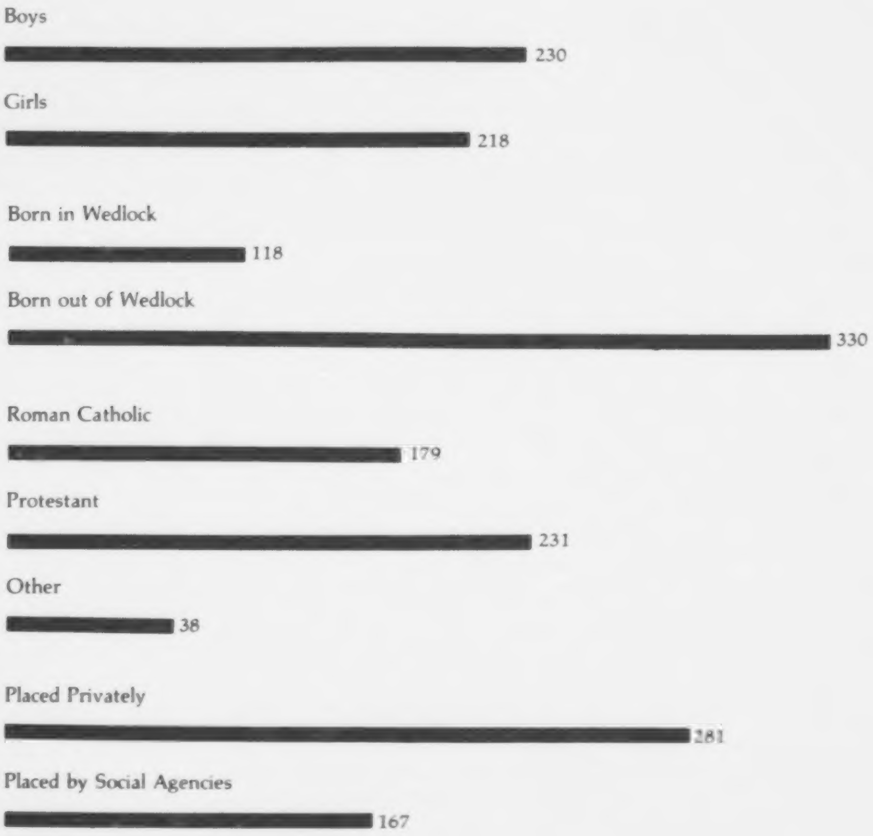
***See Table 1, 4(d) (e) (f) (g) (h) (i) (j) (k) (o).**

Chart 2

Adoptions

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

Total = 448



Average Completed Adoption

Child has been in home 1 year, 7 months.
Mother was 31 years, 5 months.
Father was 34 years, 5 months.

Chart 3

Adoption Register Inquiries
(includes telephone, letter and personal contacts)

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

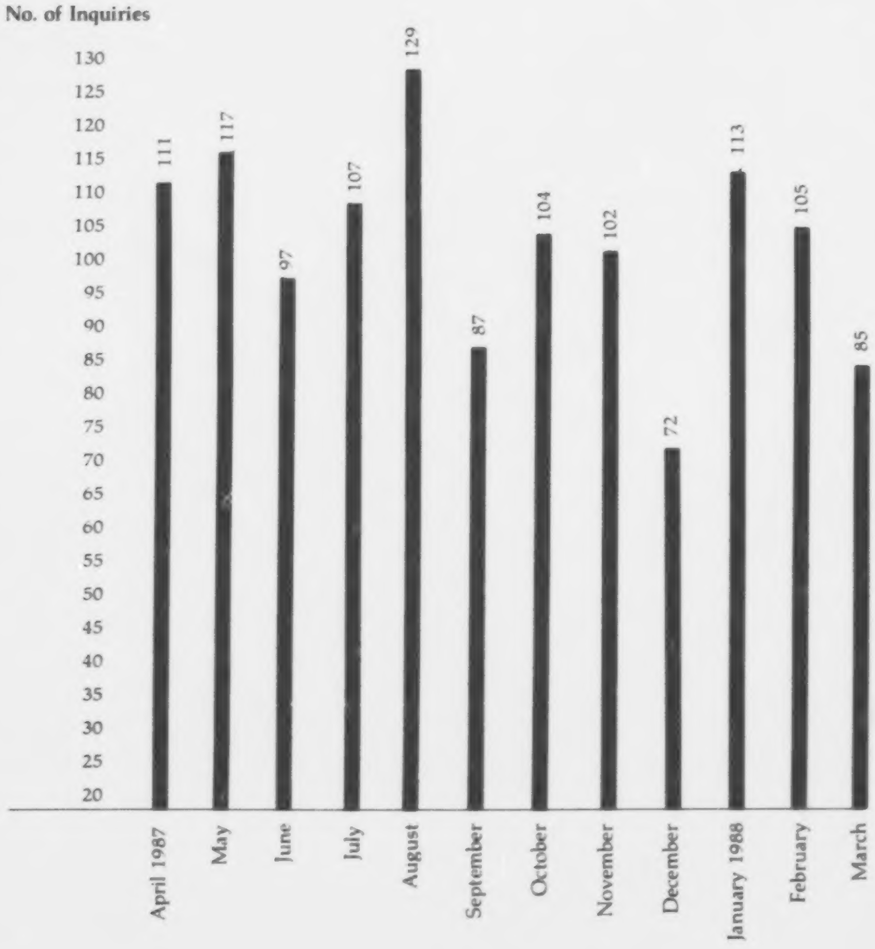
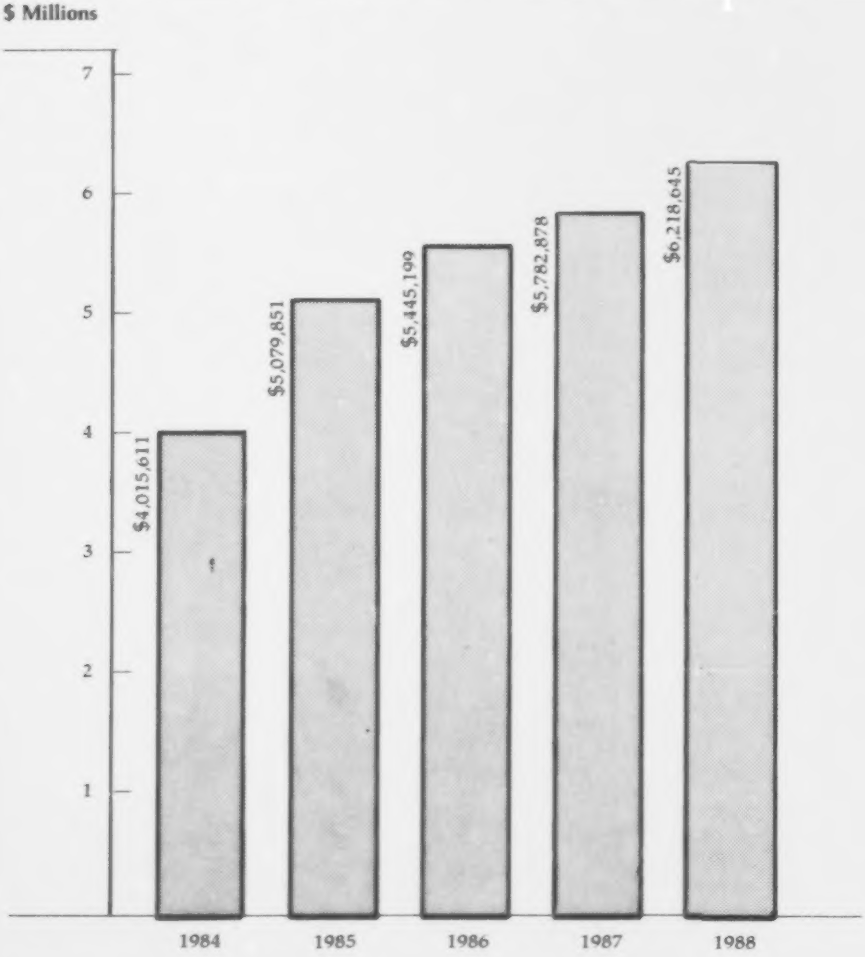


Chart 4

Day Care Services Grants and Subsidies

1984-88



Community Services

Family Benefits Division

Bill Campbell, Director

The Family Benefits Division, formed on April 1, 1979, is responsible for the administration of the following income-support programs:

- Family Benefits
- Diabetic Assistance
- Family Benefits Pharmacare
- Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs
    - Seniors' Special Assistance
    - Property Tax Rebate, and
    - Rental Assistance.

Family Benefits

The Family Benefits Act provides for financial payments to be made to individuals or families who are in need and where the cause of need is likely to be of a prolonged nature (see Tables 17-21 and Charts 5 and 6). The groups of individuals and families who may apply for benefits are:

- *Aged.* People 65 years of age and over who are not eligible to receive federal Old Age Security payments.

Family Benefits staff

- *Disabled.* People who are 18 years of age and over and have a major physical or mental impairment likely to be present for at least one year which prevents participation in the regular labour market, and who are not eligible for Old Age Security (see Table 21).
- *Single parents.* Any father or mother with a dependent child or children in his or her care and who is:
  - widowed
  - deserted
  - divorced
  - has a husband or wife sentenced to two years or longer in a federal penitentiary
  - unmarried and has reached the age of majority, or
  - the husband or wife of a disabled spouse who is in a hospital or similar institution.
- *Foster parents.* Individuals having in their care and custody a dependent child who is not being maintained by the natural parents. The maximum payment is $106 for the first child and $95 for each additional child, up to $458 per month.
- *Disabled fathers or mothers.* A father or mother who is disabled and has a dependent child or children in his or her care and custody.

A dependent child is a person under the age of 18 who is not employed and is dependent on his or her parent or parents for support. Benefits may be paid on behalf of a dependent child who is between the ages of 18 and 21 and pursuing an educational program.

Payments

Family Benefits payments, with the exception of those made to foster parents, are determined on the basis of a needs test. This test compares the total of actual shelter costs (e.g., rent, mortgage, electricity and fuel), up to a maximum level depending on family size, and personal allowances for adults and children, with the income available to the individual or family. The difference is the Family Benefits entitlement. Payments are mailed at the end of each month and represent the entitlement for the following month.

Assets

An individual granted Family Benefits as a disabled or aged person may have $3,000 in cash or liquid assets and still receive benefits if all other eligibility requirements have been met. When the disabled or aged person is married and living with his or her spouse, the assets are increased to $5,500.

If the eligible person is a single father or mother with a dependent child, he or she may have cash or liquid assets of $2,500 and still receive benefits. A recipient of Family Benefits may also set up a trust fund for each dependent child and, provided the fund does not exceed $1,500, benefits may be paid. The trust fund may be used, if approved by the Director of Family Benefits, to improve the education of the child beyond the high school level.

Work Incentives

A single disabled recipient of Family Benefits may earn from employment, other than regular labour market, up to $100 per month without affecting his or her monthly entitlement. Where gross wages are more than $100 per month, 75% of the excess wages are fully taken into account when calculating the monthly Family Benefits entitlement. The basic exemption of $100 is increased to $200 if the recipient is married and lives with his or her spouse.

A single parent may earn up to $200 per month without any reduction to his or her monthly entitlement. Gross wages of more than the basic exemption of $200 are taken into account at 75% when determining the monthly entitlement.

Administration

The Family Benefits computer-assisted program calculates the monthly entitlement, prints the monthly cheques and produces the cheque register and other control reports. It also produces management reports, retains payment history information and provides a review system for the regular assessment of the eligibility of recipients.

In June 1979 the Family Benefits Program was the first departmental program to convert to the new computerized management information system, which has as its base a departmental Client Index. Among other features, the Client Index system provides a means of identifying clients involved with other programs of the Department. So the Family Benefits computer program may continue to be effective and keep pace with program changes, computer enhancements are designed and implemented on an ongoing basis.

Regulations Schedules

Major changes to the Family Benefits Program put into effect on July 1, 1980, necessitated the use of two schedules of regulations, Schedule A and Schedule B. The latter is used for all applications received after July 1, 1980, and for all recipients, in pay prior to that date, who are entitled to a better benefit than under Schedule A. As of March 31, 1988, approximately 99.7% of recipients receive benefits under the provisions of Schedule B.

Amendments to Legislation

The term "officer of the department" was defined, and such an officer of the Department is allowed to have all the powers, duties, functions and immunities of the Director under the Act. Some exceptions are provided for in the regulations. This second amendment permits the decentralization of the decision-making process of the Family Benefits Program.

Single Parent Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Effective September 1, 1983, amendments were made to the Family Benefits regulations to provide additional benefits, not exceeding $200 per month, to cover the actual costs incurred by recipients who participate in a rehabilitation program. This provision applies to disabled individuals and to single parents. These additional benefits coincide with and complement the implementation of a vocational rehabilitation program for single parents receiving Family Benefits, a program administered by the Rehabilitation and Community Services Division (refer to the report of that division for a more complete description of this program). It is expected that the availability of the vocational rehabilitation program and the additional Family Benefits funds will help single parents to become and remain financially independent.

In February 1988, to further enhance incentives for recipients participating in a program, changes were made to the regulations to allow training allowance income (previously charged at 100%) to be treated like gross wages. Depending on the size of the family, the first $100 or $200 is exempt, with the balance charged at 75%.

Decentralization

The decision-making function of the Family Benefits program has been successfully decentralized in the Halifax and Cape Breton regions, to include the Sackville and Port Hawkesbury areas, respectively, representing, in all, 55% of the provincial caseload. Experience to date indicates that the decentralized process has improved service to Family Benefits recipients by bringing the decision-making staff closer to both Family Benefits workers and clients. Active planning is under way to extend the process to the remaining regions of the province, and it is anticipated that the Central and North Shore regions will be decentralized in the fall of 1988, with administrative staff located in New Glasgow.

Diabetic Assistance

On May 1, 1960, the Department of Health implemented a new program to provide medication and testing materials free of charge to diabetics whose annual income was $3,600 or less. The program was financed through health grants from the Government of Canada. On April 1, 1968, this program was transferred to the Department of Community Services, and the test of eligibility was changed from income level to financial need. The change of eligibility enables diabetics with an income greater than $3,600, but with family responsibilities, to qualify for free medication and testing materials.

Diabetics who were receiving free medication prior to the transfer of the program and were unable to meet the needs-test requirement continued to receive their medication with the cost being met 100% by the Department of Health. The income ceiling for those diabetics who remained the financial responsibility of the Department of Health was increased on February 1, 1974, to $4,800 per annum from the original $3,600. As of March 31, 1984, the Department of Health no longer had any financial involvement in the Diabetic Assistance Program.

Each diabetic is provided with an identity card, to be presented to a pharmacy of choice. Pharmacies are reimbursed through Medical Services Insurance and Maritime Medical Care Inc. on behalf of the Department of Community Services. (Refer to Table 22.)

Family Benefits Pharmacare

On September 1, 1981, a Pharmacare program was introduced to provide free prescription drugs, prescribed ostomy equipment, and diabetic supplies such as disposable needles and testing materials for all disabled recipients of Family Benefits.

Individuals who are granted benefits because they are disabled are automatically provided with Pharmacare coverage. Those who receive Family Benefits because they are single parents are required to demonstrate that they are disabled within the meaning of the Family Benefits Act and Regulations before becoming eligible for Pharmacare benefits.

Pharmacare benefits are not available to the spouse of a disabled person or to the dependent child of disabled people or single parents. Residents of Homes for Special Care who receive Family Benefits are also ineligible to receive Pharmacare benefits.

An identification card is issued to each eligible recipient on the first day of every month. On presentation of this Pharmacare card and a prescription prepared by a physician or dentist to a Nova Scotia pharmacy, the Family Benefits recipient receives the prescribed medication. The pharmacy is reimbursed through Medical Services Insurance and Maritime Medical Care Inc.

The benefits of the Pharmacare program are identical to the benefits provided under the Senior Citizens Pharmacare Program. (Refer to Table 23.)

Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs

During the spring of 1981 a bill to replace Part IV of the Social Assistance Act was introduced. The bill received assent on June 24, 1981, and is now Chapter 11 of the Acts of 1981, the Senior Citizens

Financial Aid Act. This Act provides for three separate financial aid programs for senior citizens. (Refer to Table 24.)

Seniors' Special Assistance

This program has been in effect since 1973 under the provisions of Part VI of the Social Assistance Act and provides an annual lump-sum payment to recipients of a Guaranteed Income Supplement to the Old Age Security Pension. There are four levels of payment. The payment awarded to seniors depends on the level of their Guaranteed Income Supplement.

Property Tax Rebate

This program was first introduced in the fall of 1980. It provides a rebate of 50% of residential property taxes paid by seniors who own and regularly reside in their own homes and receive either a Guaranteed Income Supplement or a Spouse's Allowance.

Rental Assistance

This program, which became effective on April 1, 1981, provides a monthly assistance payment to seniors who rent their home and whose monthly rental payment exceeds 30% of their monthly income. Rental Assistance is available to seniors who receive a Guaranteed Income Supplement or a Spouse's Allowance or who are single and have an annual income of $9,800 or less. Maximum rent amounts are used for single people and for married couples when determining the level of a Rental Assistance payment. The maximum rent amount will be increased in August 1988.

Table 17

Family Benefits Caseload by Categories

On March 31 of each year of five-year period
ending March 31, 1988

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Disabled Persons	12,214	12,817	12,670	12,334	12,373
Disabled Father or Mother	1,695	1,752	1,766	1,719	2,398
Aged	34	30	29	24	23
Unemployable Women	86	84	43	N/A	N/A
Foster Parents	263	243	211	185	152
Single Parents:					
widowed	874	783	663	613	443
spouse of disabled person	14	13	12	9	6
spouse of prisoner	20	21	24	20	23
deserted	2,796	2,955	2,983	2,970	2,834
divorced	1,693	1,681	1,599	1,630	1,498
unmarried	3,079	3,222	3,304	3,535	3,729

Note: On January 1, 1987, categories were expanded to include benefits to both genders.

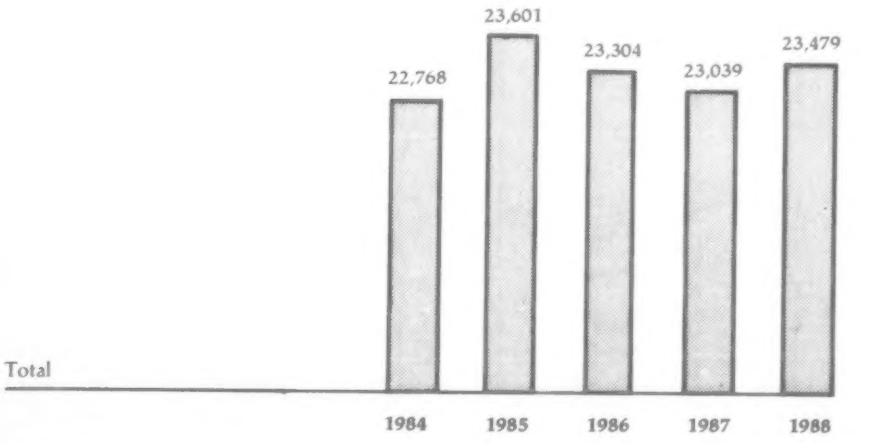


Table 18

Average Monthly Family Benefits Payments by Categories

*On March 31 of each year of five-year period
ending March 31, 1988*

	1983-84	**1984-85**	**1985-86**	**1986-87**	**1987-88**
Disabled Person	$296.84	$310.00	$324.00	$334.00	$363.00
Disabled Father or Mother	450.45	474.00	490.00	467.00	524.00
Aged	286.48	327.00	344.00	356.00	380.00
Foster Parents	107.63	122.00	126.00	131.00	133.00
Single Parents					
widowed	342.24	360.00	379.00	387.00	402.00
spouse of disabled person	304.08	338.00	413.00	454.00	394.00
spouse of prisoner	611.62	635.00	539.00	615.00	648.00
deserted	518.28	544.00	565.00	578.00	616.00
divorced	504.93	525.00	543.00	615.00	590.00
unmarried	448.92	486.00	520.00	573.00	601.00

Note: On January 1, 1987, categories were expanded to include benefits to both genders.

Number of children included in Family Benefits budget	20,075
Average number of children per case (families only)	2.73
Total number of persons benefiting under the Family Benefits Program	44,790
Average monthly Family Benefits as of March 31, 1988	$462.00

Table 19

Gross Family Benefits Expenditures by Categories

On March 31 of each year of five-year period ending March 31, 1988

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
Disabled Person	$44,003,700	$45,802,016	$48,529,548	$49,023,419	$65,648,423
Disabled Father or Mother	10,704,191	9,508,667	10,149,576	9,478,565	12,721,858
Aged	148,380	116,089	119,736	93,847	120,828
Unemployable Women	317,421	284,943	162,456	N/A	N/A
Foster Parents	419,812	337,711	316,668	293,273	805,938
Single Parents: widowed	4,189,356	3,482,642	2,939,160	2,686,375	2,350,548
spouse of disabled person	74,310	73,874	59,508	46,924	31,141
spouse of prisoner	135,551	147,748	148,656	140,771	120,828
deserted	15,509,001	18,046,417	19,897,980	20,482,146	15,035,036
divorced	8,320,999	10,342,391	10,266,624	10,909,734	7,947,268
unmarried	13,097,954	17,392,102	20,249,772	24,153,917	19,783,467
Totals	$96,920,675	$105,534,600	$112,852,072	$117,308,970	$124,565,335

Table 20

Family Benefits Monthly Caseload and Liability by Counties

March 1988

	Number of Allowances Paid	Monthly Liability
Annapolis	565	$257,651
Antigonish	385	159,051
Cape Breton	5,886	2,792,567
Colchester	1,084	524,689
Cumberland	1,030	408,097
Digby	614	256,576
Guysborough	360	138,517
Halifax	6,300	3,103,375
Hants	679	300,188
Inverness	663	280,181
Kings	1,308	595,628
Lunenburg	903	402,153
Pictou	1,499	691,308
Queens	312	119,421
Richmond	381	160,002
Shelburne	309	119,480
Victoria	180	74,443
Yarmouth	832	373,616
Totals	23,290	$10,756,943

Note: Caseload figures differ because of variances in reporting

Table 21

Nature of Disabilities of Disabled Persons Receiving Family Benefits

On March 31, 1988

	1986	1987	1988
Salmonella Infections	2	1	2
Other Intestinal Infections	4	4	2
Tuberculosis	44	35	36
Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever	2	3	3
Polio	35	30	24
Viral Encephalitis	2	2	2
Infectious Hepatitis	4	3	4
Other Infectious Diseases	9	9	6
Cancer	179	153	154
Leukemia	6	8	4
Benign Cancer	37	35	26
Carcinoma of Cervix Uteri	1	2	1
Neoplasms of Unspecified Nature	3	3	3
Nontoxic Goiter	2	2	2
Thyrotoxicosis	5	4	5
Diseases of Thyroid Gland	17	17	16
Diabetes	254	36	257
Other Endocrine Diseases	9	10	11
Nutritional Deficiency	4	3	4
Disorders of Metabolism	11	12	10
Other Metabolic Diseases	11	9	9
Iron Deficiency Anemias	5	4	3
Anemias	7	6	6
Blood Diseases	5	6	9
Alcoholic Psychosis	32	32	33
Schizophrenia	1,523	1,470	1,506
Affective Psychoses	329	310	326
Other Psychoses	182	206	246
Neuroses	114	115	120
Alcoholism	88	88	103
Drug Dependence	11	11	8
Non-psychotic Mental Disorders	1,048	1,122	1,349
Mental Retardation	3,703	3,702	3,739
Inflammatory Diseases	15	14	11
Diseases of Nervous System	438	433	471
Multiple Sclerosis	77	74	70
Cerebral Palsy	194	194	205
Epilepsy	387	381	403
Inflammatory Eye Diseases	12	13	11
Strabismus	2	6	6
Cataract	10	10	11

	1986	1987	1988
Glaucoma	22	23	20
Other Eye Diseases	300	286	298
Mastoiditis	10	11	3
Ear Diseases	79	77	94
Active Rheumatic Fever	1	1	1
Rheumatic Heart Disease	16	13	12
Hypertension	609	546	573
Heart Disease	786	716	732
Cerebral Hemorrhage	23	21	22
Stroke	90	78	92
Arteriosclerosis	48	41	43
Artery Diseases	38	36	40
Pulmonary Embolism	6	4	5
Phlebitis & Thrombosis	15	15	17
Varicose Veins	15	17	14
Circulatory System Diseases	29	29	24
Upper Respiratory Infection	9	10	13
Bronchitis & Emphysema	397	370	400
Asthma	66	73	86
Chronic Sinusitis	4	4	5
Lung Diseases	30	35	38
Empyema & Abscess of Lung	6	4	7
Pheumoconiosis	6	6	5
Respiratory System Disease	105	98	91
Diseases of Teeth	1	—	—
Ulcer of Duodenum	24	22	23
Ulcer of Stomach	23	28	27
Gastritis & Duodenitis	18	17	18
Esophagus/Stomach Disease	21	24	30
Hernia without Obstruction	13	13	12
Hernia with Obstruction	7	6	6
Intestinal Obstruction	5	5	5
Chronic Colitis	18	27	31
Intestinal Disease	16	19	25
Cirrhosis of Liver	38	32	36
Other Liver Diseases	3	4	6
Cholelithiasis	2	3	2
Gall Bladder Disease	7	7	6
Pancreas Disease	13	15	12
Nephritis & Nephrosis	19	16	18
Kidney Infections	22	24	24
Calculus of Urinary System	3	2	3
Urinary System Diseases	28	29	35
Redundant Prepuce & Phimosis	7	6	5
Ovary/Fallopian Tube Disease	1	2	1
Female Genital Organs Disease	1	—	—
Complications of Puerperium	1	—	1
Skin & Tissue Disease	31	26	30

(Cont'd)

(Table 21 continued)

	1986	1987	1988
Arthritis	1,024	1,023	1,131
Osteoarthritis	376	323	346
Bone Disease	77	71	70
Slip Disc	156	141	133
Joint Diseases	284	283	324
Synovitis/Bursitis/Tonosynovitis	9	9	7
Musculoskeletal System Disease	200	205	238
Spina Bifida	15	14	16
Congenital Anomalies of Heart	1	1	1
Cleft Palate & Cleft Lip	5	4	7
Congenital Anomalies/Digestive	1	3	3
Congenital Anomalies/Skeletal	30	31	31
Congenital Anomalies	21	21	23
Birth Injury	6	5	5
Asphyxia/Anoxia/Hypoxia	3	2	3
Hemolytic Disease of Newborn	3	2	2
Senility	6	6	5
Skull Fracture	32	38	41
Spine & Trunk Fractures	36	29	30
Upper Limb Fracture	16	19	20
Femus Fracture	35	33	29
Lower Limb Fracture	48	47	56
Dislocations & Sprains	38	42	48
Internal Injury, Chest/Pelvis	5	4	5
Foreign Bodies	3	3	2
Burns	5	5	9
Amputations	178	168	181
Surgical Complications	4	4	4
Effects of External Causes	11	15	11
Examinations without Sickness	7	11	10
Other	18	16	—

Table 22

Diabetic Assistance
Number of Recipients and Liability

March 31, 1988

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Liability
1983-84	620	$205,891
1984-85	591	205,345
1985-86	577	230,397
1986-87	563	258,177
1987-88	558	253,692

Table 23

Pharmacare
Number of Recipients and Liability

March 31, 1988

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Liability
1983-84	13,900	$4,519,498
1984-85	14,004	4,740,680
1985-86	13,911	5,912,004
1986-87	14,347	6,914,423
1987-88	14,793	7,502,880

Table 24

Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs

March 31, 1988

Seniors' Social Assistance

Fiscal Year	Levels of Payment	No. of Recipients	Total Payments
1977-78	150,135,100,075	48,948	$6,492,520
1978-79	150,135,100,075	51,827	6,754,155
1979-80	162,146,100,081	52,800	7,504,742
1980-81	176,159,115,088	53,409	8,144,045
1981-82	198,178,132,099	54,432	9,281,113
1982-83	219,197,146,109	56,286	10,556,581
1983-84	219,197,146,109	56,616	10,449,038
1984-85	219,197,146,109	57,170	10,444,662
1985-86	219,197,146,109	58,302	10,543,147
1986-87	219,197,146,109	57,914	10,361,328
1987-88	219,197,146,109	58,546	10,425,936

Property Tax Rebate

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Total Payments
1980-81	21,074	$2,167,950
1981-82	21,297	2,405,474
1982-83	20,135	2,690,441
1983-84	18,967	2,624,530
1984-85	18,600	2,694,006
1985-86	19,130	3,001,237
1986-87	19,431	3,180,481
1987-88	19,989	3,521,183

Rental Assistance

Fiscal Year	No. of Recipients	Total Payments
1981-82	1,789	$902,221.21
1982-83	1,650	940,008.00
1983-84	1,600	1,083,174.24
1984-85	1,950	1,211,327.00
1985-86	1,830	1,036,366.00
1986-87	1,645	910,636.00
1987-88	1,860	922,008.00

Chart 5

Total Family Benefits Budget
(Excluding Seniors' Program)

March 31, 1984 - March 31, 1988

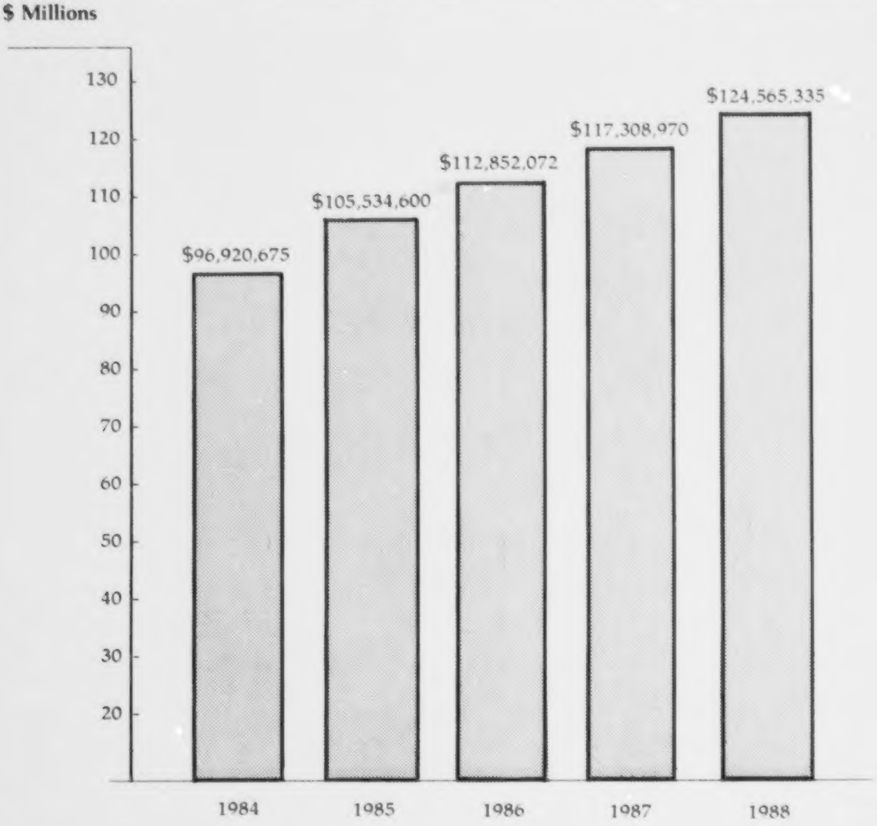
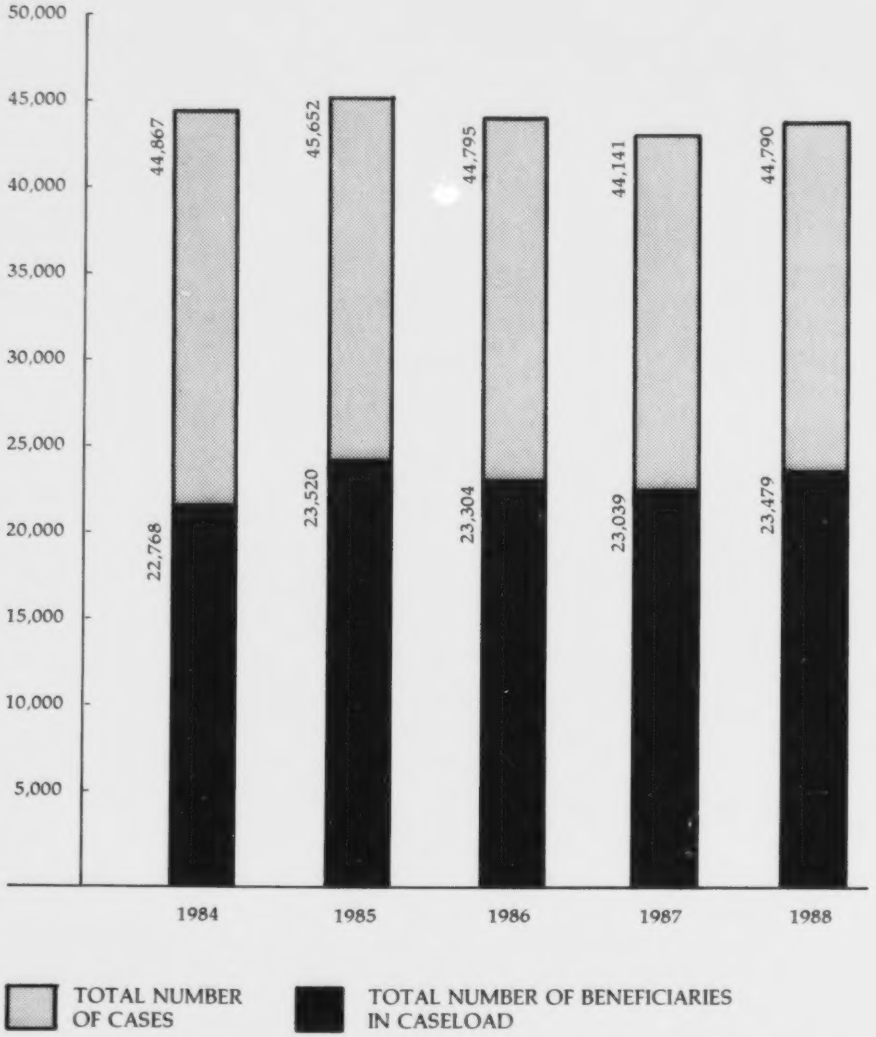


Chart 6

Family Benefits Recipients in Relation to Beneficiaries

1984-88



Rehabilitation and Community Services Division

James A. MacIsaac, M.S.W., Administrator

The Rehabilitation and Community Services Division is composed of the following sections:

- Rehabilitation and Community Services
- Services for the Mentally Handicapped
- Municipal Social Services
- Classifications and Assessments
- Adult Protection Services, and
- Dietetic Consultant Services.

The primary responsibility of this division is to see that a full range of rehabilitation services, financial income-maintenance programs, Homes for Special Care, community-based residential options, vocational workshops, adult protection services, dietetic consultation services, and provincial facilities are provided for the socially, physically and/or mentally handicapped and for aged people.

The Division works with municipal authorities and community organizations in the orderly development, maintenance and co-ordination of social service programs. This involves the planning and monitoring of services and includes setting standards, conducting program evaluations, consultation and inspection of facilities in carrying out regular assessments and classifications of clients, and investigations and assessments of cases referred under the Adult Protection Services legislation. These services are provided under the authority of the Social Assistance Act, the Homes for Special Care Act, the federal-provincial Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Agreement, Adult Protection Services and Dietetic Consultant Services. (Refer to Table 25.)

Rehabilitation and Community Services Section

Ronald L'Esperance, B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed., Director

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Service Centres and Vocational Workshops

Many of the workshops in Nova Scotia in the past year have established Supported Work Programs. These work placements have been made in the community with the support of workshop staff and vocational rehabilitation counsellors. Supported work placements have been made from the following facilities:

- Halifax Adult Service Centre
- Northside Adult Service Centre
- Windsor Adult Service Centre
- Regional Occupational Centre
- Antigonish Community Workshop
- Anchor Industries
- Atelier de Clare
- DASC Industries
- Endale Industries
- Summer Street Industries, and
- The Flower Cart.

This program is expected to grow and expand with the support of the Department of Community Services.

For the past year, representatives from the Department of Community Services, the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC), and the Workshop Council have been involved in an Industry Adjustment Service (IAS) Committee doing research into marketing and purchasing practices within the workshops. As an outgrowth of this IAS Committee, a task force on marketing has been developed with a representative from each of the Workshop Council's regions and two members of its executive. This task force has done some tremendous work, and it is hoped that it will continue to do so long after the IAS Committee has been dissolved.

Staff of Rehabilitation and Community Services

The Conway Workshop received a grant from the CEIC to do major renovations and repairs.

Anchor Industries, with financial assistance from the province, has done renovations to their facility to accommodate participants for a Developmental II Program.

The Colchester Community Workshop Board was established and is responsible for the two units of the workshop, the Industrial Centre and the Butler Centre.

A Developmental II Program has been established at the Queens Adult Service Centre with start-up money for staff being made by the Municipality of Queens.

The Golden Opportunity Vocational Workshop has expanded their building to accommodate an expansion in their woodworking department—the making of pallets for shipping batteries. They have also built a greenhouse, with assistance from the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency, for bedding plants. The centre is planning to expand this greenhouse operation with heat being provided by Grothermal Industries.

Existing programs within the adult service centres have remained constant or expanded under the fine leadership given by staff and the boards of directors, the considerable assistance and direction provided by the Department of Community Services, and the assistance the centres have received from other departments of the government—these would include at the provincial level the Department of Small Business Development and the Department of Advanced Education and Job Training, and at the federal level the CEIC.

Total funding for the adult service centres in this fiscal year was $2,924,209.

Work Activity Projects

During fiscal 1987/88, three work activity projects were operated under the aegis of the Department of Community Services: the Dartmouth Work Activity Project, the Halifax-based Options program, and the South Shore Work Activity Program located near Chester.

Work activity projects provide work adjustment training and skills development for persons who have difficulty in obtaining or remaining in competitive employment.

Planning is well underway in two other areas of the province to develop additional work activity programs.

Total funding for work activity projects in this fiscal year was $1.2 million.

Housing Programs

Norma Lloyd, Supervisor

Community service workers, and Family Benefits workers for those areas where there are no community service workers, continue to provide community services, assistance with housing repairs and the provision of new housing for Family Benefits recipients.

The housing programs offered by the Department of Housing and the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation are fully utilized to provide funds for repairs and new housing. Table 26 provides statistical information on the number of families being served, the type of programs being utilized and the costs involved.

The Department of Housing's program to provide housing for Family Benefits recipients is being delivered throughout the province. This program, known as the Family Benefits Shelter Component Housing Program, provided more than 200 units, newly built or purchased housing, in its first year of operation. The Family Benefits shelter component, along with a subsidy, is being used for the mortgage payment. An evaluation of the Family Benefits Housing Program was completed after one year of operation, with subsequent refinements made to the program. The level of co-operation between the Departments of Community Services and Housing has been excellent.

During the year, community service workers were involved in a number of community development projects, including projects in the North Preston area and within Cumberland County. Linkages with the federal government's Community Futures program are being developed to ensure that community development initiatives are maximally co-ordinated.

Special Projects

Norma Lloyd, Supervisor

Challenging positions were provided for high school and university students during the summer of 1987.

Day camps were operated for autistic children and children with special needs (emotional and behavioural problems). Referrals were received from the Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children, the Atlantic Child Guidance Centre, the Nova Scotia Hospital Children's Unit, Family and Children's Services of Eastern Nova Scotia, and the special services within the school system.

Residential camping programs were operated at Camp Hilles in West Paradise, Camp Canso in Canso, and Camp AiteBreagh in Orangedale for children and adults for whom the Department of Community Services has partial or total responsibility.

The Counsellor-in-Training Program provided nine weeks of intensive training in skills required to be a camp counsellor to 16 young people, many of whom will return for future employment either with the Department's camping program or at other camps throughout the province.

A special seven-day Adventure Program Training Session was given in May, to senior staff of both the residential and day camping programs, under the excellent leadership of Dave Comeau and Jayar Milligan. The regular seven-day training program for all staff was held at Camp Hilles in June, with two additional days for the directors. The resulting growth and change in the quality of the staff was noticeable and benefitted the programs throughout the summer.

Camp Counsellor Staff Training Program

Students were employed in the following areas during the summer of 1987:

Employment Opportunities for Young Disabled	10
Residential Camping	52
Day Camps	52
Counsellors-in-Training	21
Homes for Special Care	22
Group Homes	23
Workshops	9
Total	189

Programs under the Federal/Provincial Agreement to Enhance the Employability of Social Assistance Recipients (SARS)

Ronald L'Esperance, B.A., B.Ed., M.Ed., Director

The Department of Community Services developed projects to enhance the employability of social assistance recipients late in 1987. These projects initiated under the federal-provincial Employability Accord, which involve at the federal level the Departments of Health and Welfare and the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission

(CEIC), and at the provincial level the Departments of Community Services and Advanced Education and Job Training, provide classroom and on-the-job training for social assistance recipients.

The agreement seeks to increase the number of social assistance recipients participating in the job entry/reentry and job development streams of CEIC's Canadian Job Strategy (CJS). The overall objective of the program is to provide training and work experience to social assistance recipients that will lead to meaningful employment.

To support these initiatives, the Department of Community Services and CEIC each committed $2.5 million during fiscal 1987/88. The Department of Advanced Education and Job Training has provided invaluable assistance in developing and monitoring training programs.

The municipal level of government has been involved in this initiative through sponsorship of projects and referral of municipal social assistance recipients to these projects and to regular CJS programs.

This program is an excellent example of the positive initiatives that can be developed when different levels and departments of government are able to effectively co-operate.

REHABILITATION SERVICES

Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Disabled Persons

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Operated under the federal-provincial Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Act and Agreement (VRDP), this program provides vocational assessment and planning services to disabled persons throughout the province. The VRDP agreement establishes the definition of disability and financial commitment in which the two levels of government participate.

The staff of this vocational rehabilitation program work with the Department of Advanced Education and Job Training and the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission (CEIC) to provide an individualized vocational plan for disabled people applying for service. Training for disabled individuals includes the usual range of options, from trades training to university education. Pre-vocational training and academic upgrading are provided when required.

Training allowances are paid to vocational rehabilitation clients attending a training program by either the Department of Advanced Education and Job Training or the CEIC. A medical or adaptive aid may be required to enable some disabled people to participate in a training program. The Department of Community Services supplies the funds to meet the cost of these devices.

Some disabled persons require a period of work assessment to determine their aptitudes and their ability to work. In these cases, a work assessment program is arranged by a vocational rehabilitation counsellor in concert with an employer, who agrees to accept the disabled person in a work setting for a period ranging from two weeks to three months. During this period, factors such as work habits, ability to follow directions, initiative, attendance, and potential training and/or employment are assessed. Using this valuable information, the vocational rehabilitation counsellor, in conjunction with the client, can determine the best course of action for occupational or on-the-job training.

The primary objective of Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Disabled Persons is to enable disabled individuals to become gainfully employed following a period of assessment, counselling and training. As a result of its services, many disabled Nova Scotians are able to become employed and assume an independent lifestyle.

During this fiscal year the Department of Community Services participated in the federal/provincial review of fiscal arrangements affecting persons with disabilities. These negotiations were initiated to review current federal/provincial cost-sharing vehicles, including aspects of the Canada Assistance Plan (CAP) and VRDP. As part of this process, the Department of Community Services initiated a round of consultations with groups and organizations representing disabled persons in Nova Scotia. The Department looks forward to the positive program enhancements this review should permit.

Career Planning with Single Parents

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The Rehabilitation and Community Services Division, in concert with the Family Benefits Division, provides vocational guidance and related services to single parents receiving Family Benefits. (See Table 27.)

The objectives of this program are two-fold: (1) to enable single parents to become gainfully employed on either a part-time or full-time basis following a period of assessment, counselling, and training or retraining, and (2) to enhance single parents' family-management and parenting skills.

The primary emphasis of the program is to enable single parents receiving Family Benefits to develop appropriate skills that will lead to employment so they may become financially independent.

The services provided under this program include vocational assessment, individual and group career guidance and counselling, the development of individualized career plans, assistance with training and employment placement, and referral services.

To offset the additional costs a single parent may incur while participating in an approved vocational training program, the Department of Community Services can provide financial assistance to a maximum of $200 per month over and above the Family Benefits payment. This allowance may be used to cover actual costs in one or a combination of the following areas: course tuition in special circumstances, approved transportation costs, approved child-care expenses, items of special need (including clothing or other related expenses associated with one's participation in training), and/or a job-search allowance.

Services for the Mentally Handicapped

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This section is concerned with the delivery of residential services and the development and co-ordination of other programs appropriate to the needs of the mentally handicapped. Mentally handicapped people include those who are intellectually or developmentally impaired and those who are functionally disabled as a result of mental illness or long-term institutionalization. The services delivered come under two categories:

- services directly financed and managed by the Department (i.e., Children's Training Centres, Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, a Foster Home Program for Mentally Handicapped Children, and an In-Home Support Program) and
- services of organizations that operate with the guidance of the Department and whose operating costs are cost-shared by the province (i.e., Adult Residential Centres, Community Residences, Palmeter's Country Nursing Home, Regional Rehabilitation Centres, and the In-Home Support Program).

The Department works closely with voluntary organizations and municipalities to develop more comprehensive systems of service delivery so each mentally handicapped person may become as fully integrated into the community as his or her disability will allow.

Long-range planning committees were established in collaboration with municipalities in the metro area and in industrial Cape Breton in fiscal 1986/87 to identify long-range residential and support service requirements over the next 20 years. Final reports are expected by December 1988.

It is hoped that future placement of mentally handicapped people in institutions will be limited to those individuals requiring a degree of programming supervision or care that cannot be provided in smaller, community residential situations.

Children's Services

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A mentally handicapping condition can range from very mild to very severe, and a mental handicap may be accompanied by one or more forms of physical disability, which also range in severity. Thus an array of services is required to meet the needs of children at various levels of functioning. This array of services also provides a progression through which a child can move. These services include:

- support and assistance to parents maintaining a severely handicapped child at home
- residential placement, education and training at the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre
- foster home care
- personal care and training in a Children's Training Centre, and
- personal care and training in a Nursing Home.

Support and Assistance to Parents Maintaining a Handicapped Child at Home

The Department of Community Services operates a limited In-Home Support Program to provide financial assistance to parents maintaining a severely handicapped child at home in an effort to keep the family unit together. Financial assistance provided to the family under this program is aimed at the extraordinary costs incurred owing to the child's disability. Assistance can be provided towards the cost of such items as drugs, necessary supplies, transportation to and from medical appointments, respite care and special-needs items.

Eligibility for inclusion in the In-Home Support Program is limited to those families whose children would qualify for placement in either a Children's Training Centre or a Nursing Home, and who qualify for all or part of the child tax credit on their most recent income tax return. The amount of assistance is determined on an individual family basis, and the monthly maximum in any given situation is no more than $300. The program ends at the child's eighteenth birthday, or sooner if other program guidelines are not met.

Foster Home Care

This program provides a child with an alternate home setting on a temporary or permanent basis. A foster home placement is sometimes preferable to placing the child in an institutional facility. Most children placed in foster homes attend classes in local schools.

At the present time, a maximum of 15 children, ranging in age from six months to 18 years, can be accommodated in the Special Foster Care Program. The placement and supervision of the children in these special foster homes is supervised by a social service worker in consultation with local children's agencies.

The emphasis in this program is increasingly on helping children's agencies to arrange foster homes and on helping them to cope with the special needs of mentally handicapped children.

As of March 31, 1988, a total of 11 children were living in nine foster homes in the province.

Personal Care and Training in a Children's Training Centre

Children's Training Centres are residential training facilities that provide personal care and developmental training to severely mentally handicapped children who, for a variety of reasons, are unable to remain at home with their natural parents. At present, Children's Training Centres are located in Dartmouth, Digby, Pictou and Sydney.

The goal of a Children's Training Centre is to have these children learn basic life skills such as feeding, dressing, and toilet training so they can eventually return to their homes or to non-institutionalized settings. In pursuit of this goal, counselling staff at Children's Training Centres carry out individual programs for each child in residence, and an academic teacher on the staff of each centre provides modified academic classroom instruction. Each child is encouraged to develop to the fullest extent of his or her abilities. A number of children in the Children's Training Centres have progressed to the point where they can now attend special education classes in the regular school system on a day basis while living at the Children's Training Centre.

When a child is admitted to a Children's Training Centre, his or her parent or legal guardian must sign a Voluntary Care Agreement under the Children's Services Act. Parents maintain legal custody of their child, and the Department of Community Services, through the Children's Training Centre, agrees to provide the child with care and training for one year. Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's training, by participating in long-term goal setting and by maintaining frequent contact with their child by taking the child home on vacations and holidays and by visiting regularly. The Voluntary Care Agreement may be renewed as required.

Children's Training Centres also offer a service called respite care to families who are maintaining a severely mentally handicapped child at home. The Children's Training Centre will take in such a child for a weekend, a week or some other short time period to give the family a break from the continual care the child demands.

All admissions to the Children's Training Centres, whether regular or respite, are screened by an admissions committee. This committee gathers all necessary information on each child seeking admission and decides which program placement is in the child's best interests. (Refer to Table 28.)

Personal Care and Training in a Nursing Home

This level of care is reserved for mentally handicapped children requiring nursing care, heavy personal care, or both. As of March 31, 1988, 25 children resided in this setting. The emphasis in this unit is on nursing, personal care, and developmental training. As indicated earlier, a special unit has been established in the Sydney Children's Training Centre to provide this level of care to children from Cape Breton Island.

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre

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The Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre is a provincial residential school operated by the Department of Community Services for mildly and moderately handicapped children. The school is located in Bible Hill, Colchester County.

The policy of the admissions committee is that, whenever possible, children should remain in their own homes and attend school in their local area. For social, educational and family reasons, it is not possible for some children to benefit from community programs; thus, the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre exists.

The primary purpose of the centre is to provide education and training so these children will be better prepared for life in the community. All programs are planned to help students develop intellectually, socially and emotionally so they can return to and participate in a community setting. The school program is greatly enhanced by programs and organizations in the nearby community. Students participate in community work programs and in local clubs such as Sea Cadets, Air Cadets, Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Y.M.C.A. They also participate in sports events in co-operation with local schools.

The centre is designed to accommodate 183 students. Its facilities include residences, a classroom complex, an indoor pool, a gymnasium, extensive playgrounds and outdoor rinks. The centre operates during the school year and all students return to their communities for summer and Christmas vacations. Services are financed and directed by the Department of Community Services. (See Table 29.)

Adult Institutional Services

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Co-ordinator of Services for the Mentally Disabled

Adult institutional services for the mentally handicapped provide accommodation and programs for:

- individuals who have previously received treatment as psychiatric casualties, usually as in-patients of psychiatric facilities
- other mentally handicapped adults, many of whom have behaviour disorders, or
- people with degenerative disorders, including the aged, who have additional behaviour problems that make them unsuitable for other placement alternatives.

These services are provided in Regional Rehabilitation Centres and Adult Residential Centres.

Regional Rehabilitation Centres

Regional Rehabilitation Centres are situated in Waterville, Kings County, for the western region; Sydney River, Cape Breton County, for people from Cape Breton Island; and in Cole Harbour, Halifax County, for people from the rest of mainland Nova Scotia.

These centres are intended to provide the most intensive level of rehabilitation and developmental programming for people with the highest potential to move on to less-restrictive alternatives in the community. They have a level of staffing and expertise necessary to respond to people whose disordered behaviour represents a severe management problem.

Regional Rehabilitation Centres are operated by local levels of government under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act and are cost-shared 100% by the Department. Centres have a total current capacity of 378 people (see Table 30).

Adult Residential Centres

Adult Residential Centres are situated at Sydney River, Mabou, Waterville, Riverton, Pugwash, Beaverbank, Barrington, Yarmouth, Dayspring and Bridgetown. They serve a second level of needs: the needs of individuals who are mentally handicapped and require more stable, longer-term living environments. Rehabilitation training and developmental programming form a significant but less intensive part of their services.

Adult Residential Centres seek close relationships with their neighbourhood communities and services (e.g., dentists, clinics, library services, sheltered workshops, and job-experience training). In many cases these people and facilities are closely involved with local branches of advocacy organizations working for the mentally handicapped and play a major role in developing public awareness of the needs of the mentally handicapped.

Adult Residential Centres can currently accommodate 753 mentally handicapped people and are operated by various municipalities and municipal or private corporations. The Department cost-shares with municipalities towards the subsidized costs of these services.

The period 1987-88 saw the completion and official opening in June of the 33-bed replacement Adult Residential Centre in Annapolis County along with the supervised home in Bridgetown which accommodates eight individuals requiring community integrative training.

Through intensive and co-ordinated planning efforts, an overall reduction of 77 Adult Residential Centre beds throughout the province has been achieved over the past two years.

Community Residential Services

Andre McConnell, B.A., M.S.W., Co-ordinator

Since 1969, when the first Group Home opened, the number of specialized community residences for mentally handicapped and physically disabled adults has grown to 36, with one residence now in the construction stage. The breakdown is as follows:

In operation:

Group Homes for mentally handicapped persons	19
Developmental residences for mentally handicapped persons	10
Group Homes for mentally disabled persons	6
Group Homes for physically disabled persons	1
Total	36

Construction stage:

Group Homes for mentally handicapped persons	1
Total	1

These are all small residential facilities. Most were family homes renovated to accommodate 6-12 residents. Programs vary according to the needs of the residents. All stress development of the basic life and community-integration skills necessary to help the individual to eventually live as independently as possible.

The 36 homes provide a total of 149 licensed spaces for mildly to moderately mentally handicapped persons, 77 moderately to severely mentally handicapped persons, 58 mentally disabled persons and six physically disabled persons. Residents normally work or take part in vocational and educational programs during the day. They are encouraged to use available community services and recreational facilities whenever possible. Funding is shared by the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government.

A variety of community residential alternatives to institutional care continue to become available. In many parts of the province, apartment living arrangements are another option—two or more people share an apartment, with either live-in or drop-in supervision.

Community training homes operating in Kings and Digby counties are another alternative. They provide an opportunity for individuals to live in households in the community with private citizens. The surrogate parents (residential associates) are screened, trained and supervised by professional staff. The focus is on self-help skills and social adjustment for severely mentally handicapped individuals.

Supported living arrangements are now in operation in the Halifax metropolitan area, Kings County and Sydney. This option has been developed to provide housing and programs for up to three moderately to severely handicapped individuals in rented units in the community (e.g., house, flat, duplex). Most of the persons living in this type of situation had previously been living in developmental residences. Trained staff are provided through a combination of live-in and shift models. This program will continue to expand during 1988-89.

Many mentally handicapped adults are also accommodated in residential care facilities and foster homes under the auspices of municipal governments.

With the expansion of residential services during 1986-87, the number of boards operating more than one home or alternate residential service has expanded from five to seven.

The pilot project for the provision of respite care that began in January 1981 became an established program in July 1982. The main objective of this program is to provide occasional respite care for individuals living in the community and is intended to be utilized for emergencies, vacations and short breaks for the primary care provider. Except in extenuating circumstances, 30 days is recommended as the maximum annual stay for one person.

There is one Group Home for physically disabled adults, located in Halifax. This home provides living accommodations for six physically handicapped adults and is staffed on a full-time basis. The focus is to provide as independent a lifestyle as possible for each resident. Residents are expected to share the responsibilities of running the home, and most plan to upgrade their education with the ultimate goal of employment. Through the experiences gained from living in the home, many individuals have moved on to less-structured settings in the community.

Construction is now underway on the development of a Group Home for mentally handicapped adults at Church Point, Digby County. This home should become operational late in 1988.

Two proposals for additional community residences from communities in the western region of the province remain under consideration.

Municipal Social Services

Peter G. Barteaux, Director

The Provincial Social Assistance Act (Part II) authorizes municipalities to provide assistance to persons in need as defined in the Canada Assistance Plan, Social Assistance Act, and according to the municipal social services policy approved by Council.

A needs test is used to determine initial and ongoing eligibility and the amount of assistance required. Assistance payments are calculated by totalling the costs of basic requirements, up to the maximum described in municipal policies, and deducting the income which the municipality considers available for current maintenance. Items of special need may also be included in this calculation. A needs test is employed to determine eligibility and the amount of assistance provided to persons in Homes for Special Care.

Each municipality must submit its social assistance policy once a year, on September 15th. Policy statements must fall within the minimum requirements as stated in the Social Assistance Act and Regulations and provincial policies, and must have the approval of the Minister of Community Services. Each municipality establishes its own level of assistance on an ongoing basis.

The Municipal Social Services program has three distinct areas: General Assistance, Homes for Special Care, and administration. The province cost-shares with the municipalities in their related expenditures.

Staff of the federal Canadian Assistance Plan

General Assistance

The income maintenance program provided by municipalities is commonly referred to as General Assistance. The program is aptly named as it can cover a broad range of assistance. In fact, the Social Assistance Act places all municipalities in a position where there is no case of need which cannot be addressed. Assistance is provided for:

- basic requirements, such as food, clothing, shelter, fuel, utilities, household supplies and personal requirements,

- special requirements, such as furniture, living allowances, moving allowances, special transportation, training allowances, special school requirements, special employment requirements, funeral and burial expenses,
- health care services—reasonable medical, surgical, obstetrical, dental, optical and nursing services—which are not covered under the Hospital Insurance Plan or under the Medical Services Insurance Plan,
- social services, including family counselling, homemakers, home care and home nursing services, and
- rehabilitation services.

General Assistance is cost-shared with municipal units at a minimum of 75%, up to an approved budget, for all municipalities having municipal social service departments approved by the Minister of Community Services. Municipal expenditures in excess of provincially approved cost-sharing budgets are cost-shared at 50%.

The gross municipal expenditure for this program in the 1987/88 fiscal year was $47.7 million and the average caseload was 12,473. (See Tables 31 and 32 and Chart 7.)

The Government of Nova Scotia announced in the Throne Speech of the 54th General Assembly of the Legislature, Fourth Session, a task force to undertake an examination of the levels of cost-sharing for municipal General Assistance.

The Minister of Community Services, the Honourable Thomas J. McInnis, in consultation with the Department of Municipal Affairs, the Union of Nova Scotia Municipalities and other concerned groups, established a task group to carry out an in-depth review and make recommendations on the administrative practices of these programs, particularly with reference to:

- provincial/municipal cost-sharing mechanisms
- levels and rates of assistance
- treatment of assets
- special needs, and
- eligibility criteria for financial assistance.

The task force report is due by September 30, 1988.

Homes for Special Care

Municipalities provide assistance with the cost of Homes for Special Care to persons in need. About 75% (or 5,793 out of 7,725) of the persons in Homes for Special Care require financial assistance.

In the 1987/88 fiscal year, municipalities spent a total of $73.6 million in support of persons in all Homes exclusive of Regional Rehabilitation Centres. These expenditures are provincially cost-shared at 66 2/3% up, to an approved budget for each municipality. Municipal expenditures in excess of the approved cost-sharing budgets are the responsibility of the municipality. The expenditures for Regional Rehabilitation Centres, $14.1 million for fiscal 1987/88, are provincially cost-shared at 100% (see Tables 31-34 and Chart 8).

In the 1988 session of the Legislature, the province made a commitment to the municipalities that cost-sharing for the maintenance of persons in Homes for Special Care would be fully implemented effective April 1, 1989, at a rate not less than 66 2/3%. The province also announced that a person's primary residence could no longer be treated as an asset for the purpose of determining eligibility for assistance.

Administration

Administrative expenditures incurred by municipalities in the delivery of their social services programs are cost-shared under the same formula as General Assistance. In the 1987 fiscal period, municipalities spent a total of $10.4 million for administration (see Table 32).

Homes for Special Care

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Special-care facilities throughout Nova Scotia provide supervisory and/or personal care for disabled and elderly Nova Scotians who are unable to live independently in the community. Homes for Special Care include 38 Homes for the Aged (3,596 beds), 22 Nursing Homes (1,874 beds), 65 Residential Care Facilities (1,112 beds), 10 Adult Residential Centres (786 beds and 27 specialized beds), 35 community-based residential facilities (290 beds), and three Regional Rehabilitation Centres (379 beds), for a total of 7,889 residents. (See Tables 31-34 and Chart 8.)

All people being admitted to Homes for Special Care who require public funds for care are classified through the provincial Classifications Committee, chaired by the Supervisor of Classifications and Assessments. (The composition and duties of this committee are further described under Classifications and Assessments.)

The admissions procedure includes an application for social assistance, a budget sheet, a social service worker's report, and a medical report to be completed by the applicant's personal physician.

The completed social service worker's report and the medical report are submitted by the Municipal Social Services worker to the Department of Community Services for consideration. If the application is approved, the person may then be placed in an appropriate facility with the assurance that maintenance costs will be shared. When the application for admission to Homes for Special Care is not approved, there are provisions for an appeal.

All facilities providing care and supervision for four or more residents are licensed under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act and Regulations. Standards are ensured in Homes for Special Care by inspections from provincial Community Services staff.

The functions of licensing inspections and monitoring standards in Homes for Special Care were decentralized in 1987. There is now one field assessment officer located in New Glasgow to cover the North Shore region, and one in Kentville to cover the Central and Western regions. These persons are provincial Community Services employees who have been located in field offices.

Provincial staff responsible for the inspections and program development have expertise in nursing care, dietetic services and the psycho-social needs of the residents. Special consultants from the Department of Housing and Fire Marshal's Office are available to advise the Department of Community Services on technical matters relating to the construction and renovation of the Homes.

The procedure of per diem rate-setting has been decentralized and is no longer the responsibility of the Rate Review Committee. All per diem rates in Homes for Special Care are now negotiated by the Home operator with the Regional Tripartite Committee. The membership of the Tripartite Committee consists of a member from the Nova Scotia Union of Municipalities, the Associated Homes for Special Care, and the Department of Community Services. The agreed-upon rate is then circulated to all municipalities as the per diem rate for provincial cost-sharing purposes. The rate is then a condition of licensing for the year. If this procedure is not followed, and no budget is submitted by the Home, the previous rate remains in effect.

The Department conducts education seminars regionally for staff of the Homes. The philosophy underlying these seminars is that of total care for residents, using resources within the Home and the community to provide opportunities for residents to function to their fullest capacity. The Homes are to reflect a social model.

The provincial government cost-shares with the municipalities at two-thirds of net costs, up to their approved budget, for people maintained in licensed Homes for Special Care.

A municipality, or two or more municipalities, may construct and operate Homes under the provisions of the Homes for Special Care Act. The actual responsibility for their administration then rests with the local municipalities within the provisions of the Municipal Housing Corporation Act. Their by-laws must be approved by the Ministers of Community Services and Municipal Affairs.

All municipalities operating Homes for Special Care must appoint boards of management as stipulated by legislation.

During fiscal 1987/88, much activity in the development of new Homes for Special Care and the renovation of existing facilities took place:

- a 50-bed Nursing Home in Granville Ferry has opened
- Melville Ridge, a 100-bed Nursing Home, has been opened in Halifax
- Unity House Group Home, with seven beds, was opened in Cape Breton
- a 50-bed replacement for Hazel Hill Home is under construction and to be opened in September 1988
- an 18-bed extension for Grandview Manor has been approved and is under construction
- a 15-bed Home for the Aged for Canso has been approved
- consideration is being given to a 58-bed Nursing Home in Port Hawkesbury
- approval has been given for the construction of a 35-bed Nursing Home in Valley, Colchester County
- major renovations have been approved for St. Vincent's Guest Home and Glades Lodge, and Glades renovations are nearing completion
- a 35-bed Home for the Aged for Argyle has been approved
- consideration is being given to a 35-bed Home for the Aged for East Hants, and
- minor renovations have been approved for other facilities.

Classifications and Assessments

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The Classifications and Assessments Section ensures that policies and procedures are developed and implemented with respect to classifications, assessments, admissions, readmissions and discharges relating to adult facilities licensed under the Homes for Special Care Act. It is also responsible for ensuring that, where appropriate, all applications for admission and readmission to these facilities are properly classified and that regular reassessments of residents are conducted in these facilities by Section staff and community health nurses.

For fiscal 1987/88, some 3,262 applications were received requesting classifications for admission or readmission to Homes for Special Care and/or reclassifications within the Homes. Thirty-nine of these applications were subsequently cancelled; 104 applications were not approved, of which 24 were appealed and 15 appeals were granted. The number of applications received during the previous fiscal year was 3,160, and for 1985/86 it was 3,491.

The two largest referral sources of the 3,119 applications approved or reapproved were hospitals and applicants' own homes. Thus 1,420, or approximately 46%, originated from general hospitals. An additional 284 referrals from in-patient psychiatric facilities created a total of 1,704, or approximately 55% of all applications approved or reapproved from all hospitals. Approximately 29%, or 1,089 applications, were approved or reapproved from individual homes. Table 34 provides a further statistical breakdown of the sources of referrals and the types of approvals made.

A companion approach to classifications is the reassessment of residents in Homes for Special Care. Community health nurses of the Department of Health assist in the reassessment of residents in licensed Nursing Homes and Homes for the Aged. These reassessments are conducted twice per year, usually in May/June and December/January. Approximately 5,300 residents are reassessed twice each year. The information obtained from the reassessments is used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether residents are continuing to receive the type of care which they require and whether cost-sharing for residents and staffing patterns for the respective Homes must be revised in accordance with changes in care requirements.

The Section is also charged with determining the eligibility of applicants seeking admission to the Home Life Supports Program. This program is intended to meet the needs of senior citizens, the mentally and physically disabled, and mentally handicapped persons who require full or part-time care so that they can remain in their own homes and communities. These individuals would otherwise require placement in Homes for Special Care. During fiscal 1987/88, 255 applications were received, assessed and found eligible for this program. The total number of applications for the previous fiscal year was 270.

An integral part of the Section's mandate is to co-ordinate all information (social histories; psychological, educational and medical assessments; etc.) related to applications for admission to the programs for mentally handicapped children. This involves preparing the necessary documentation for the Admissions Committee and implementing the committee's decisions. There were approximately 67 applications for admission to the Retarded Children's Program during the fiscal year. A similar number was recorded for the previous year.

In order to facilitate the classification and placement of applicants into Homes for Special Care, the function of classifications has been decentralized to Sydney, New Glasgow and Kentville. In addition, the readmission of residents of Homes who have been hospitalized is arranged between the Homes and hospitals under certain well-defined conditions.

Adult Protection Services

Nancy Cochrane, M.S.W., Co-ordinator

The Adult Protection Act was proclaimed on January 6, 1986. The mandate of Adult Protection Services is to provide protection from abuse or neglect to individuals aged 16 years and over who lack the physical or mental ability to adequately care and fend for themselves.

Referrals from the community are received and investigated by three adult protection workers, located in the Cape Breton, Halifax and Central regional offices, and by 58 field staff who have designations under the legislation.

Statistics for the period April 1, 1987, to March 31, 1988, indicate the following trends:

1. A total of 637 referrals were received province-wide. Table 35 shows the distribution of referrals by region.
2. Approximately 490 of these referrals (76%) dealt with suspected cases of neglect. The majority of these referrals (81%) were made on behalf of adults aged 65 and over.
3. Approximately 87% of the total referrals were investigated. The remaining 13% were closed at the intake stage because they were not appropriate referrals for services.
4. Court intervention was required in 7% of the cases investigated under the legislation.
5. The majority of the referrals for service (56%) came from health and community service agencies.

Three areas were identified for immediate attention in the implementation of the program during 1987-88.

1. *Training for all staff and designates.* Seminars were held in May 1987 and September 1987, with emphasis on the interpretation of the legislation, legal procedures, assessment of abuse and neglect, and ethical issues in adult protection. In addition, the Co-ordinator made presentations on the assessment of abuse and neglect at four regional Family Benefits seminars.
2. *Public awareness.* A draft pamphlet on Adult Protection Services was developed in conjunction with other Head Office staff. The Co-ordinator and Adult Protection Services staff made 78 presentations on the legislation to various community groups and agencies.
3. *Medical and legal resources.* The education and identification of doctors on a regional basis to assist in emergency situations has been completed in three areas of the province. Legal resources to assist with those cases requiring court intervention have been identified in six areas of the province.

Dietetic Consultant Services

Fran Sutherland, M.Ed., P.Dt., Co-ordinator

A pilot project evaluating a training program for managers of food service at special care facilities began May 26, 1988, with the first meeting of the advisory committee. The students began their program on June 10, 1988. Seven students are enrolled, representing each region of the province. Graduation is planned for early 1989.

The annual assembly of food service directors and dietitians was held October 19-20, 1988.

During 1987-88, 30 food service workers registered and/or graduated from the Associated Homes for Special Care and the Department of Community Services' Food Service Workers Program.

The Annual Cooks Workshop for day care and special care facilities cooks was held at the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre in Truro. Twenty-eight cooks attended and received certificates from the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology, Department of Continuing Education. In a follow-up to the cooks workshop, a number of cooks have obtained certification to journeyman status through the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology, and others continue in its program in the regions.

The *Management of Food Services Special Care Facilities Manual* has been updated and distributed and reviewed in all seven regions of the province. It will be reviewed on an annual basis.

The *Meals on Wheels/Wheels to Meals Directory* was updated and circulated to municipalities, special care facilities, senior councils, hospitals, regional administrators and district supervisors. The number and variety of programs continues to develop and increase. The luncheon program for seniors in the City of Halifax was expanded during the past year. A directory is available from the Co-ordinator.

The Environmental Services Supervisors Program 1988 began in March. Successful candidates received certificates. Nine students representing all regions of the province participated in the program. The program included supervisors of laundry, housekeeping and maintenance.

Direct services continue to be provided to the four Children's Training Centres, the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, the Shelburne Youth Centre and the Nova Scotia Residential Centre in developing the management of food services and menu planning.

The "Food Service Cost Survey" was conducted twice in 1988. The facilities were grouped according to type, and a summary was forwarded to each of the participating special care facilities.

The 1988 draft of the *Nutritional Care Manual for Long Term Care* has been circulated to all facilities. The Nova Scotia Committee consisted of dietitians, supervisors and cooks from all regions of the province and all types of facilities. The manual was reviewed in December 1987.

A meeting of dietetic consultants from Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia was held in August 1987.

A symposium on "Nutrition and Aging" was presented with the support of the Dairy Bureau of Canada, the Nova Scotia Dietetic Association, the Nova Scotia Medical Association, the Gerontology Association of Nova Scotia, and Mount Saint Vincent University. Copies of the proceedings have been published in two parts in the *Nutrition Quarterly*, Vol. 11, No. 4, and Vol. 12, No. 1.

Place-setting for special care facilities competitions were held in three regions of the province—Cape Breton, northern Nova Scotia and the Valley.

Evaluation and goal-setting continued with food service departments in special-care facilities. Renovations and updates continued at the facilities. Work on construction meetings for special-care facilities also continued throughout the year.

Mrs. Fran Sutherland, Co-ordinator of Dietetic Consultant Services, presenting first place award to Ms. Anne Tibbo in the Formal Category, Place Setting Competition, Northern Region Homes for Special Care

Food service staffing was upgraded with the addition of dietitians to the staff of a number of Homes for Special Care.

Participation of the Staffing Guidelines Committee continued in 1988.

Table 25

Sources and Types of Rehabilitation Cases Referred

1987-88

Amputations	21
Spinal cord injuries	115
Arthritis, rheumatism	57
Bone impairment	116
Cerebral palsy	33
Auditory	68
Visual	35
Alcohol & drug abuse	41
Neurological, epilepsy, polio	84
Respiratory	32
Cardiovascular	30
Mental deficiency	181
Mental illness or disorder	141
Miscellaneous	128
Total new cases referred	654
Total cases carried over	1,132
Total cases	1,786

Services Provided	**Number**	**Cost**
Assessment: medical & vocational	611	$27,500
Technical aids	113	42,300
Special training costs	79	6,700
Family Benefits/Rehabilitation fund	93	64,000
Department of Advanced Education and Job Training VRDP expenditures	454	2,100,000
Clients approved for training:		
Recommended	662	
Approved	615	
Entered	273	
Discontinued	255	
Completed	407	
Information from 524 cases closed:		
Number of cases closed — rehabilitated	300	
Number of cases closed — not rehabilitated	224	
Average age	27	
Average education (grade)	8	
Number receiving Family Benefits or municipal assistance	678	
Field office and collateral counselling interviews	1,034	

Table 26

Housing Statistics

January 1, 1987 - December 31, 1987

Family Benefits housing repair cases finalized	23
Dollar value	$93,477
New units built under Rural and Native Housing Program	4
Dollar value	$245,400
Units repaired under RRAP Housing Program	36
Dollar value	$245,421
Units repaired under NSHC's Small Loans Program	36
Dollar value	$152,858
Units built or purchased under Family Benefits Housing Program	54
Dollar Value	$1,983,016
Total number of units	153
Total dollar value	$2,720,172

Table 27

Career Planning with Single Parents: Caseload by Counsellor and Counties Served

March 31, 1988

Base Office	Counties Served	No. of Counsellors	Caseload
Yarmouth Regional	Yarmouth, Digby, Annapolis	1	94
Shelburne District	Shelburne	1	9
Lunenburg District	Lunenburg, Kings, Queens	1	113
Halifax Regional	Halifax, Hants	3	323
New Glasgow Regional	Pictou, Colchester, Cumberland, Guysborough	1	142
Sydney Regional	Cape Breton, Inverness, Richmond, Victoria	2	226
Total		9	907

Table 28

Statistics for Children's Training Centres

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

	Dartmouth	Digby	Pictou	Sydney	Total
Permanent Admissions	4	3	3	2	12
Permanent Discharges:					
To own home	1	2	0	0	3
Foster home	0	1	0	0	1
Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre	0	0	0	0	0
Palmeter's Nursing Care Unit	0	0	0	0	0
N.S. Hospital	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	0	0	1	0	1
Transferred	0	0	0	0	0
Adult facility	2	1	2	1	6
Other	1	0	0	0	1
Group Homes	0	0	0	0	0
Regional Rehabilitation Centre	1	0	0	1	2
Total Permanent Discharges	5	4	3	2	14
Respite Admissions	36	7	14	8	65
Respite Discharges	35	7	13	8	63

Table 29

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre

	Girls	Boys	Total
1. Children in school, April 1, 1987	44	104	148
2. Admissions during year			
(a) Children in care and custody	4	2	6
(b) Children in care	7	17	24
			30
3. Discharges during year			
(a) To own home	7	16	23
(b) Group Home	0	3	3
(c) Foster/boarding home	1	1	2
(d) Institution	0	3	3
(e) Supervised apartment	1	0	1
			32
4. Children in school, March 31, 1988	46	100	146
5. Total days of care to all children			43,011

6. Classification of admission (2) by ages

Age	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**Total**
Girls	—	2	1	2	2	3	1	—	—	11
Boys	1	2	4	2	2	6	2	—	—	19
										30

7. Classification of discharges (3) by ages

Age	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**19**	**Total**
Girls	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	5	2	9
Boys	—	—	2	—	2	1	1	1	14	2	23
											32

8. Classification of children (4) by ages

Age	**10**	**11**	**12**	**13**	**14**	**15**	**16**	**17**	**18**	**Total**
Girls	1	2	1	4	7	8	10	10	3	46
Boys	3	5	6	19	10	17	16	18	6	100
										146

9. **Total cost of operation** (excluding capital expenditures and maintenance of buildings and including adjustments for rents, meals and inventory adjustments):	$4,221,688
10. **Number of child care days, 1987-88**	43,011
11. **Per diem rate**	$102.02

Table 30

Statistics for Regional Rehabilitation Centres

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

Total in residence as of April 1, 1987	352
Total admissions, April 1, 1987-March 31, 1988	144
Discharges, April 1, 1987-March 31, 1988, to:	
Other Regional Rehabilitation Centres	2
Adult Residential Centres	8
Group Homes & Developmental Residences	14
Homes for the Aged & Licensed Nursing Homes	8
Residential Care Facilities	15
In care of their family	14
Independent living	15
Hospitals	41
Died	10
Correctional centre	1
Drug & alcohol rehabilitation	0
Other	18
Total discharges, April 1, 1987-March 31, 1988	146
Total in residence as of March 31, 1988	350
Total resident days	127,601

Table 31

Municipal Assistance Payments under the Social Assistance Act

Year	General Assistance	Homes for the Aged	Nursing Homes	Residential Care Facilities	Residential Adult Centres	Group Homes & Developmental Residences	Regional Rehabilitation Centres
1981	$19,614,346.56	$18,660,820.79	$9,928,505.53	$1,632,101.07	$7,485,568.87	$2,027,154.18	$10,557,847.00
1982	23,337,681.71	22,409,294.37	11,700,199.05	1,959,773.18	8,937,622.55	2,470,884.30	11,494,659.00
1983-84	25,605,816.40	25,201,771.85	12,361,888.88	2,075,380.92	9,492,993.24	2,853,024.51	11,741,755.00
1984-85	30,597,241.00	27,401,958.20	13,645,615.44	2,249,626.32	10,330,072.31	3,063,292.40	12,431,299.61
1985-86	35,901,905.00	28,896,729.27	14,638,114.73	2,510,181.05	11,035,494.32	3,250,253.51	13,037,882.26
1986-87	41,856,212.00	31,138,243.16	16,636,688.29	3,060,018.79	11,516,044.49	3,680,688.09	13,545,727.45
1987-88	48,129,639.00	34,146,148.06	19,524,226.21	3,654,962.17	11,593,195.98	4,644,394.72	14,073,674.95

Table 32

Municipal Social Services Costs*

1987/88

Item	Gross Municipal Expenditure	Federal and Provincial Share	Net Municipal Expenditure
Administration	$10,442,991.00	$7,310,421.00	$3,132,570.00
General Assistance	48,129,639.00	33,512,311.00	14,220,216.00
Maintenance of persons in:			
Homes for the Aged	$34,146,148.06	$19,003,032.00	$15,143,116.06
Nursing Homes	19,524,226.21	10,862,445.00	8,661,781.21
Residential Care Facilities	3,654,962.17	2,147,996.00	1,506,966.17
Adult Residential Centres	11,593,195.98	6,637,529.00	4,955,666.98
Group Homes and Developmental Residences	4,644,394.72	2,910,809.00	1,733,585.72
Regional Rehabilitation Centres	14,073,674.95	14,073,674.95	0

*All figures are for the period April 1, 1987, to March 31, 1988, except for Administration, which covers the period January 1, 1987, to December 31, 1987.

Table 33

Homes for Special Care
Bed Statistics

1987/88

			Residential Care Facilities	
County	**Population**	**Over 65**	**Number**	**Beds**
Annapolis	23,590	3,580	7	68
Antigonish	18,775	2,135	1	40
Cape Breton	123,625	15,310	9	123
Colchester	45,090	5,850	6	151
Cumberland	34,820	5,750	7	151
Digby	21,850	3,400	2	35
Guysborough	12,720	1,840	0	0
Halifax	306,415	27,620	11	214
Hants	36,545	3,970	3	29
Inverness	21,945	2,750	2	20
Kings	53,275	6,285	6	131
Lunenburg	46,485	7,075	2	31
Pictou	49,775	6,940	2	52
Queens	13,125	2,110	1	28
Richmond	11,845	1,640	1	12
Shelburne	17,515	2,225	2	20
Victoria	8,700	1,225	0	0
Yarmouth	27,075	4,025	1	7
Total	873,170	103,740	63	1,112

Note: Population based on 1986 Canada Census.
Includes Residential care facilities, Nursing Homes and Homes for the Aged.

Nursing Homes		Homes for the Aged		Total	
Number	Beds	Number	Beds	Number	Beds
2	93	1	106	10	267
0	0	1	106	2	146
3	361	4	349	16	833
2	166	1	51	9	368
2	131	1	65	10	347
0	0	2	152	4	187
1	30	1	41	2	71
6	748	6	1,104	23	2,066
0	0	3	255	6	284
0	0	2	120	4	140
2	163	1	100	9	394
1	35	4	288	7	354
0	0	4	443	6	495
1	42	1	60	3	130
0	0	2	99	3	111
1	26	1	65	4	111
0	0	2	89	2	89
1	79	1	103	3	189
22	1,874	38	3,596	123	6,582

Table 34

Persons Approved to and from Homes for Special Care

April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

Approved From	Licensed Nursing Homes	Homes for the Aged I: Supervisory and Personal Care	Homes for the Aged II: Intensive Personal Care	Homes for the Aged: Psychogeriatric	Residential Care Facilities	Regional Rehabilitation Centres	Adult Residential Centres	Group Homes	Developmental Residences	Foster Homes	Total
Own home	1	472	383	12	118	22	32	43	6	—	1,089
General hospitals	14	400	762	109	52	34	34	13	1	—	1,419
Nova Scotia Hospital	—	24	19	3	48	36	17	3	—	—	150
Other psychiatric facilities	—	19	17	4	21	40	20	13	—	—	134
Homes for the Aged	—	44	53	1	8	1	—	—	—	—	107
Licensed Nursing Homes	9	11	35	—	—	2	2	—	1	—	60
Residential care facilities	—	10	13	—	27	—	1	—	—	—	51
Regional Rehabilitation Centres	—	—	9	—	7	—	9	13	2	—	40
Adult Residential Centres	—	—	3	—	1	10	7	4	—	—	25
Developmental residences	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
Group Homes	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	4	—	—	8
Foster homes	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0
Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	—	—	6
Children's Training Centres	—	—	—	—	—	4	8	—	2	—	14
Other	—	2	7	—	2	2	—	1	1	—	15
Totals	24	982	1,301	129	285	152	134	98	14	—	3,119

Table 35

Adult Protection Services: Referrals by Region

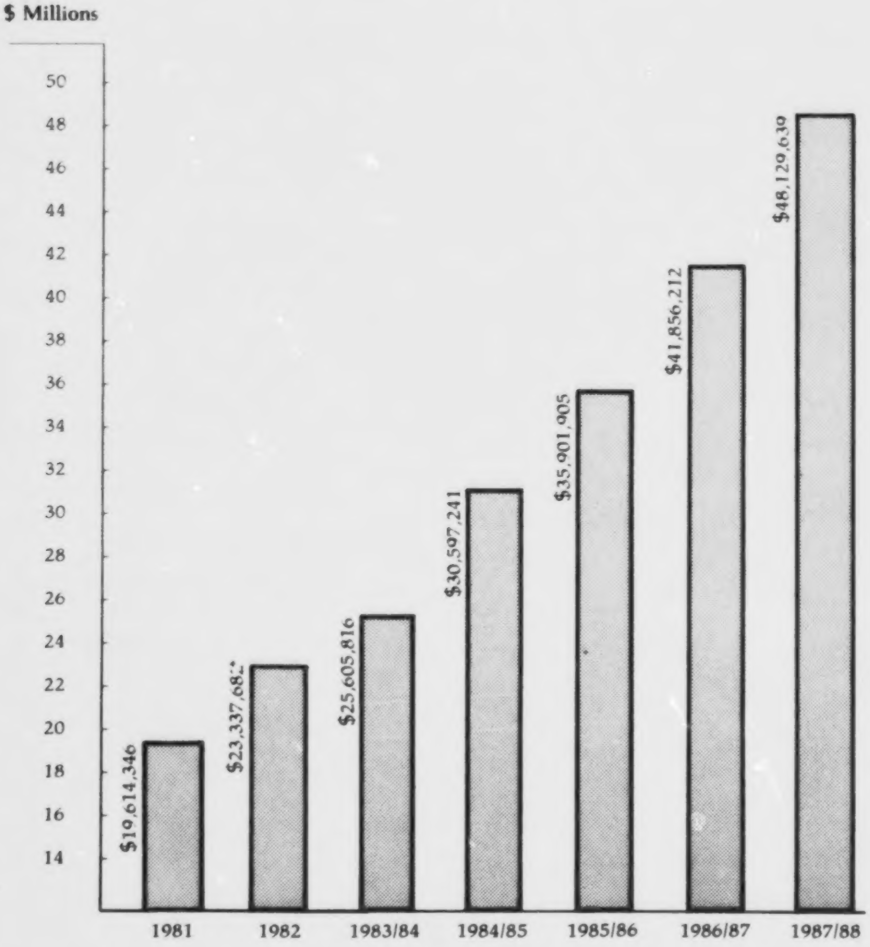
April 1, 1987 - March 31, 1988

Region	Number of Referrals	Percentage of Total Referrals
Halifax	229	36%
Cape Breton	121	19
South Shore	83	13
Western	76	12
Valley	64	10
Central	38	6
North Shore	26	4
Total	637	100%

Chart 7

Municipal General Assistance to Persons in Need

1981 - 1987/88

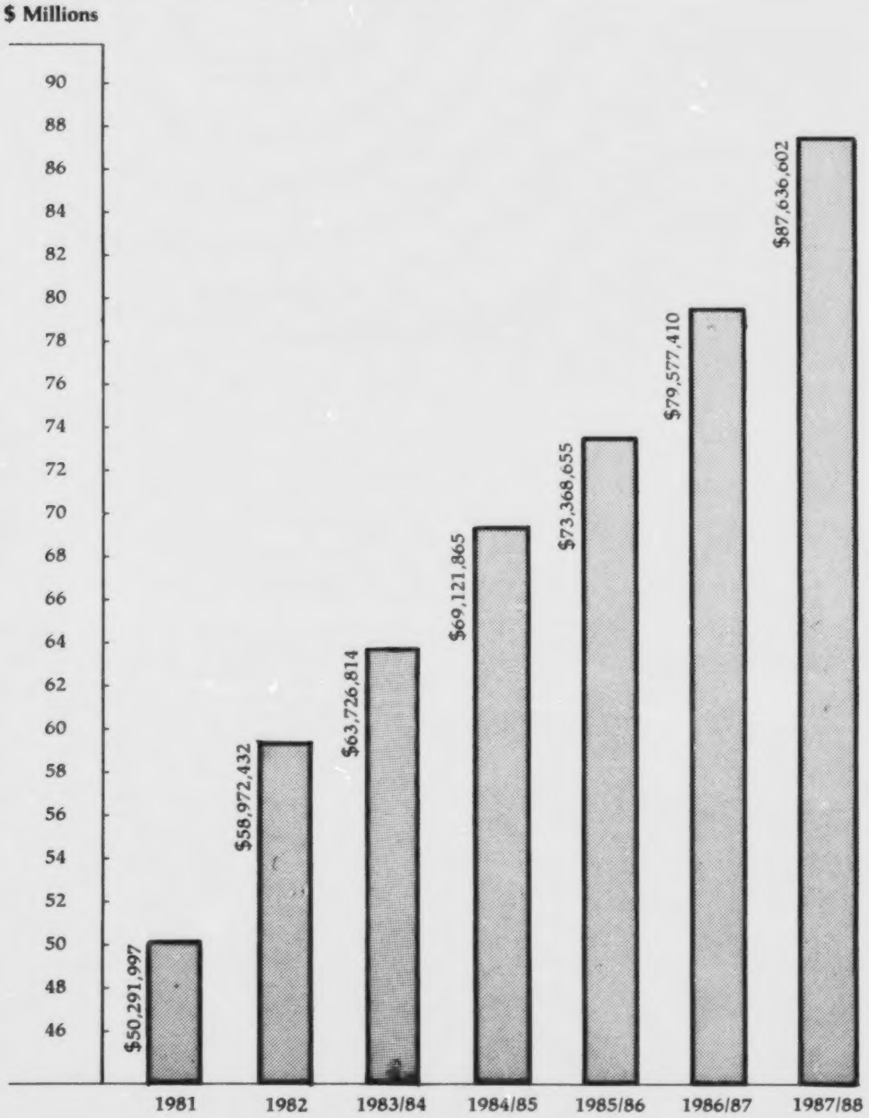


Note: In 1983/84, cost-sharing with municipalities began on a fiscal-year basis, April 1st to March 31st.

Chart 8

Homes For Special Care: Municipal Assistance to Persons in Need

1981 - 1987/88



Note: In 1983/84, cost-sharing with municipalities began on a fiscal-year basis, April 1st to March 31st. The 1987/88 Regional Rehabilitation Centre expenditure was $14,073,675.

Community Services

Policy, Planning and Research Division

Bessie Harris, M.S.W., Director

The Policy, Planning and Research Division provides support services to the other six divisions of the Department and to the offices of the Minister and Deputy Minister. It operates in seven sections:

- Policy, Planning and Research
- Community Services Training Programs
- Staff Training
- Library
- Information Services
- Management Information Systems, and
- Indian Affairs.

Policy, Planning and Research Section

Elizabeth McNaughton, M.S.W., M.A.
Senior Research and Planning Officer

Staff of the Policy, Planning and Research Division

This section continues to be responsible for program design, implementation and evaluation; policy analysis; research; and federal-provincial-territorial relations and negotiations. This past year, staff were again heavily involved in federal-provincial matters. Negotiations relating to the Young Offenders Act, the Vocational Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons Agreement, Child Care, the Canada Pension Plan and the Canada Assistance Plan continued. Negotiations on the federal child care strategy began and will continue into 1988-89. Staff of the Division participated on a number of federal-provincial committees related to the various negotiations.

The Agreement to Enhance the Employability of Social Assistance Recipients was signed in November 1987. Along with the Department of Community Services, the provincial Department of Advanced Education and Job Training and the federal Departments of Health and Welfare and Employment and Immigration are parties to the agreement. The agreement provides for targets for the participation of social assistance recipients in the Canadian Jobs Strategy, as well as $5 million for training and employment projects. Staff of the Division continue to be involved on the management committee responsible for implementing the agreement and in conducting an evaluation of the initiative.

The evaluation of the Home Life Supports Program was completed and work is continuing on the evaluation of the Adult Protection Program. In co-operation with federal officials, staff continue to supervise and monitor the evaluation of the Young Offender Community Development Project which is being completed by a consultant.

A major research project, a follow-up to "Vulnerable Mothers, Vulnerable Children," a study published in 1981, is being conducted under contract to the Institute for the Study of Women at Mount Saint Vincent University with funding from Health and Welfare Canada. Staff of the Division, along with an advisory committee of professionals, are actively involved in monitoring the progress of the project, which is due to be completed in March 1989.

Staff participated in a number of interdepartmental endeavours such as the Community Development Issue Group, the Interdepartmental Committee on the Status of Women, and the Task Force on Levels of Cost-Sharing for Municipal Assistance. Staff were also actively involved in updating the program plan for the Department and participated on committees established as part of the government-wide strategic planning initiative.

Community Services Training Programs

Robert Haley, M.S.W., M.Ed., E.C.O.M., Chief Instructor

Since September 1977 the Community Services Workers' Course, a 10-month pre-employment program, has operated from the Nova Scotia Institute of Technology. Through the core courses of Behaviour Management/Modification, Communications, Developmental Psychology, and Program Design and Planning, students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to work effectively with physically, mentally and emotionally handicapped persons. In June 1987, 21 students graduated. As of that date, 246 people had completed this course, many of whom are still employed in the field. At least 25 have either completed or are working on degrees; most of them are seeking professional education in the field of social work.

The *Report of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services*, released in February 1987, addressed staff training needs in the area of family and children's services. One of the 10 major recommendations of the task force emphasized the need for additional staff training. Following the release of the task force report, a decision was made within the Department to deploy the staff from the Community Services Workers'

Course to staff training. The Community Services Workers' Course was not offered during the academic year 1987-88 and will not be offered during the 1988-89 academic year either.

The Personal Care Workers' Course provides students with the knowledge and skills required to care for residents in Homes for Special Care, especially in Homes for the Aged and Nursing Homes. This course is co-sponsored by the Associated Homes for Special Care and the Department of Community Services. It was offered on a decentralized basis in the above Homes in 1987-88. Since the beginning of this course in 1978, 1,969 people have written the provincial examination.

The Developmental Care Workers' Course is currently underway at the Riverview Adult Residential Centre in Pictou County, Braemore Home in Sydney River, LaHave Manor in Lunenburg County, and Harbourside Lodge in Yarmouth. This course provides an opportunity for staff of these facilities to expand their knowledge and acquire new skills.

Staff Training

Joan Parks, M.S.W., Supervisor

The purpose of the Staff Training Section is to orient, update and upgrade the skills of personnel so they may provide the highest quality of service to clients.

A range of methods such as surveys, interviews, small group meetings, and input from supervisors are used to identify staff training needs, set staff development priorities and develop the annual Staff Training Plan. Training programs are designed in consultation with the various program divisions of the Department. The Staff Training Advisory Committee, initiated in September 1987, assists in developing training programs and has representation from regions, facilities and Head Office staff.

The annual Staff Training Plan sets out a schedule of training seminars and opportunities for the coming year. The plan is circulated, in the form of a calendar, to all offices, Family Courts and institutions in the early fall.

As a result of the *Report of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services*, released in February 1987, the staff from the Community Services Workers' Course were deployed to bolster the efforts of the Staff Training unit. With increased personnel, it was possible to expand in-service training programs and to address the training needs of many more staff.

Crisis Intervention Instructor Certification Course

During 1987-88, 75 in-service seminars, workshops and presentations were offered to about 1,600 staff in the Department's field offices and institutions across the province. Staff from the children's aid societies and other social service agencies were invited to participate in various training events during this period.

To address the recommendations of the *Report of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services*, emphasis was placed on training for child-welfare staff, managers and supervisors. In addition, sessions were organized for many other groups of staff such as Family Benefits, Adult Protection, Enforcement Services, vocational rehabilitation counsellors, community service staff, bookkeepers, clerical, Youth Court workers and staff in institutions.

A new initiative during 1987-88 was in the area of crisis intervention. In November 1988 a trainer from the National Crisis Prevention Institute in Wisconsin facilitated a four-day instructor certification program for 14 Department staff. This training enabled our staff to offer other staff in their regions and facilities two-day courses in how to deal with violent and aggressive clients. The focus of the training is on preventing crises, while providing for the care and welfare, safety and security of clients and staff. The commitment and dedication of the instructors who volunteered to assist the Staff Training unit enabled the Department to conduct 12 courses for approximately 125 staff.

The Training and Conference Committee meets several times a month to review requests for staff to attend external training such as annual conferences and skill development workshops or courses. During 1987-88 approximately 350 staff attended training courses above and beyond those sponsored by the Department.

Four orientation workshops were organized for approximately 60 new field staff which assisted them in understanding the structure and organization of the Department. The standard written orientation course for field staff was also recently revised and expanded. It will be piloted in field offices in 1988-89.

The Staff Training Section manages an audio-visual library containing about 375 films, videotapes, and slide programs which are distributed to provincial agencies and institutions for in-service training and public education.

Mrs. Jane Phillips, Librarian

Library

Jane Phillips, B.A., M.L.S., Librarian

The Community Services Library provides literature and information support services to department staff around the province, focusing on program areas. Library services are also provided to provincial social agencies, other government departments and libraries, students, university staff and members of the public.

The Library resources include books, periodicals, annual reports, and public accounts from federal and other provincial governments, federal and Nova Scotia legislation, and Statistics Canada publications, to name some. Material required by staff but not contained in the Library collection may be borrowed from libraries across Canada through the interlibrary loan service co-ordinated by the Nova Scotia Legislative Library. They also provide libraries with computerized literature searches and answers to reference questions.

In 1987-88 the Library circulated over 1,200 books, 1,547 press clippings, and more than 100 periodicals, and requested 57 interlibrary loans for departmental staff members. Over 200 books were purchased for the Library, including some core items for the Department's new Home Care Program. Information on Library resources and services is given at Staff Training orientation sessions.

Information Services

Anne Woods, B.A., B.Ed., Public Information Officer

The Public Information Officer, working closely with the Department of Government Services, provides services to all divisions of the Department. Some of the activities undertaken during the year were:

- revival of a revised departmental newsletter, *Community Services News*, to keep staff informed about current issues and personnel (representatives from Head Office, each of the seven regions, and institutions ensure a broad and equitable coverage of issues)
- preparation of advertisements on departmental programs and their insertion in daily and weekly newspapers and in specialized papers and magazines such as the *Seniors' Advocate*
- preparation and distribution of news releases announcing developments and changes in such policies and programs as home care, child care and departmental funding for teaching-homemakers for families at risk
- evaluation of the advantages of using outside professional advertising agencies to promote departmental programs
- creation of a window display in the Johnston Building on the province's Co-ordinated Home Care Program
- production of new pamphlets and revision of existing ones as needed (scheduled for publication this year or early next are pamphlets on careers within the Department, municipal social assistance, Homes for Special Care and adult protection), and

- co-ordination of a week-long media campaign to celebrate Foster Parent Week.

Management Information Systems

T.J. Conrad, B.Sc., Manager

In 1975 the Department of Community Services, with support from Health and Welfare Canada, initiated the development of an integrated, computer-based Management Information System (MIS). The MIS is a common system shared by all users and is a primary source of information for the Department.

The Management Information Systems Section delivers information services, using proven methodologies to ensure a disciplined approach to systems development to meet user requirements in support of departmental goals. Current planning and delivery methodologies use techniques such as entity relationship modelling, strategic data planning, and prototyping. These techniques help the Department to understand underlying information architecture and define the environment it must grow towards to meet all computing needs, present and future.

Production Centre

The primary responsibility of the Production Centre is the day-to-day operation and maintenance of data-processing systems such as Family Benefits, the computer communications network and support to all users of computer services.

Computer Operations

Computer Operations staff are responsible for three minicomputers, located in Sydney, Halifax and Head Office. They also monitor the Community Services communication network, which is spread over 12 locations in the province. In excess of 200 pieces of hardware are supported at these locations.

Family Courts in Kentville and Dartmouth were added to the communications network in 1987. Plans are made to bring the Yarmouth Regional Office and three children's aid society offices (Sackville, Halifax and Truro) on-line in early 1988.

Help Desk

The MIS Help Desk provides day-to-day assistance to users in the areas of user training, acceptance test support, and central co-ordination of system and software problem-reporting and resolution. During 1988 the Help Desk will be working closely with the Development Centre team to learn new applications before they are implemented. This will enable the Help Desk to provide better support of application systems in the Department.

Technical Support

In January 1987 the Technical Support staff was transferred to the Department of Community Services from the Department of Government Services. This group is responsible for the support and enhancement of the departmental information systems. The addition of these staff allows MIS to be more flexible and respond more quickly to problem situations.

Development Centre

The primary responsibility of the Development Centre is the delivery of new systems. Projects of 1987-88 are described below.

Family and Children's Services

The analysis phase of the project for Family and Children's Services initiated in 1986 was completed at the beginning of 1987. Design and development phases will be completed by the end of 1988, when the system will be installed in three pilot locations. Following the installation, the system will be evaluated before being installed in the remaining agencies and offices. The project will provide a case management system which will be available in all 18 children's aid societies, Family and Children's Services agencies and district offices throughout the province. For the duration of the project a full-time Family and Children's Services co-ordinator has been appointed to manage user activities.

Security System

Because of the increasing amount of sensitive data available through on-line systems, a project was initiated in November 1987 to develop a security system to manage the access to data by the differing levels of staff within the Department. The system accommodating all on-line systems is scheduled to be installed at the end of 1988.

Letter Generating System

In June 1987 the third phase of the Letter Generating System was delivered to current users in Family Benefits, Family and Children's Services, and Field Services and Personnel. Some features include a forms directory and capabilities to manipulate batches of generated letters and produce a usage statistics file.

Family Court Enforcement

The information system for Family Court Enforcement Services was installed in two pilot locations in 1987. Based on the evaluation of these two locations a major change in direction was decided upon, with the system to be enhanced and eventually installed on the host mainframe computer. This provides an interface with the Client Index, cheque-production, and security system.

Financial Services

The project initiated in 1986 to design and develop a system to administer maintenance payments to children under the care of Family and Children's Services district offices was installed in April 1987. During 1988, enhancements will be made to this system to meet the requirements of the Family and Children's Services project. A further system initiated in June 1987 and installed at the beginning of 1988 automates cheque reconciliation and provides the current status of each cheque issued by the Department.

Young Offender's Act Tracking and Record Keeping

During 1987 a project was initiated to design and develop an information system to support tracking, record maintenance, and reporting requirements of the Young Offender's Act. Through regular workshops, users helped to define system requirements and participated in the development of a model system. The prototype was used to ensure the understanding of computer solutions and to solicit feedback. Prior to the initiation of the next phase, the Department has approached the Departments of the Attorney General and the Solicitor General about the possibility of integrating the requirements of all three departments into a single information system to manage the youth justice system in Nova Scotia.

Information Centre

The Information Centre is the principal contact between the user community and MIS. It provides technical support for office and end-user systems and plays a major role in long-range planning.

Long-Range Planning

In 1987 an updated edition of the *Long Range Systems Plan* was published. This plan ensures well-managed growth of the MIS and describes the hardware, software and human resources required to implement the targeted technological environment in stages over the next 10 years. Updated every 18 months, the plan reflects changes in government electronic data processing policy, the Community Services environment, information requirements, and technology.

Office Support Systems

Office Support Systems provide facilities for electronic message and documentation distribution, test creation and revision, filing, personal calendars, resource scheduling, in-house publishing and so on. IBM's Distributed Office Support System (DISOSS) and Personal Service/370 installed at the provincial data centre's host facility is currently being evaluated. The implementation of an office support system is a key component in the long-range plan.

End-User Computing

The development and use of tools to provide end-users with computing and reporting capabilities grew within the Department during 1987-88. Services were used by Family Benefits; Municipal Social Services; Policy, Planning and Research; Field Services and Personnel; Family and Children's Services; and Financial Services. All used tools available on the host system and personal computers for report generation, word-processing, and spreadsheet applications. A number of microcomputers were placed throughout the Department to facilitate end-user computing. A pool of microcomputers is also available within the MIS for the general use of all divisions within the Department. Expansion of end-user computing will continue during 1988-89, current tools available will be upgraded, and new tools will be evaluated and introduced.

Laser Printing

A major initiative has been taken with the installation of IBM's Advance Function Printing (AFP) and Document Composition Facility (DCF). This software is installed on the provincial data centre's host-computer facility and greatly increases the capabilities of laser printers attached to the host. Word-processing, report-generating and spreadsheet-application software on the microcomputers also have the capability to use laser printers. Laser printing allows typeset-quality printed documents to be generated directly from the computer.

Indian Affairs

Allan Clark, B.P.E., M.U.R.P., Co-ordinator

The Micmac population of Nova Scotia has four major organizations: the Union of Nova Scotia Indians, the Confederacy of Mainland Micmacs, the Native Council of Nova Scotia, and the Nova Scotia Native Women's Association. There are approximately 10,000 Micmacs in Nova Scotia—approximately 7,000 status Indians and 2,500-3,000 non-status Indians.

The Nova Scotia government established a Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Affairs in 1984. This committee now includes the Ministers of Education, Health and Fitness, Lands and Forests, Small Business Development, Tourism and Culture, Advanced Education and Job Training, and the Attorney General, with the Minister of Community Services as Chairman.

Highlights of this past year were:

- The Cabinet Committee on Aboriginal Affairs met with Native organizations on several aboriginal issues.
- A subcommittee made up of four Native organizations and the provincial government was established to draft an "Interim Covenant of Understanding on Native Hunting."
- The Canada-Nova Scotia-Indian Child Welfare Subsidiary Agreement was signed, providing financial support for Micmac Family and Children Services to carry out its mandate.

- The Native Council of Nova Scotia and other non-status Indian organizations from Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick met with the Council of Maritime Premiers in Grand Falls, New Brunswick, in December 1987 to discuss aboriginal concerns.
- The Government of Nova Scotia provided financial assistance to many Native projects, such as the Chapel Island Indian Summer Games, the Millbrook Band Multi-Purpose Building, the White Lake archaeological dig, and POW WOW '88.
- The Cabinet committee also met with the Minister and Deputy Minister of the federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs on related aboriginal concerns.

Field Services and Personnel Division

Joseph A. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Director

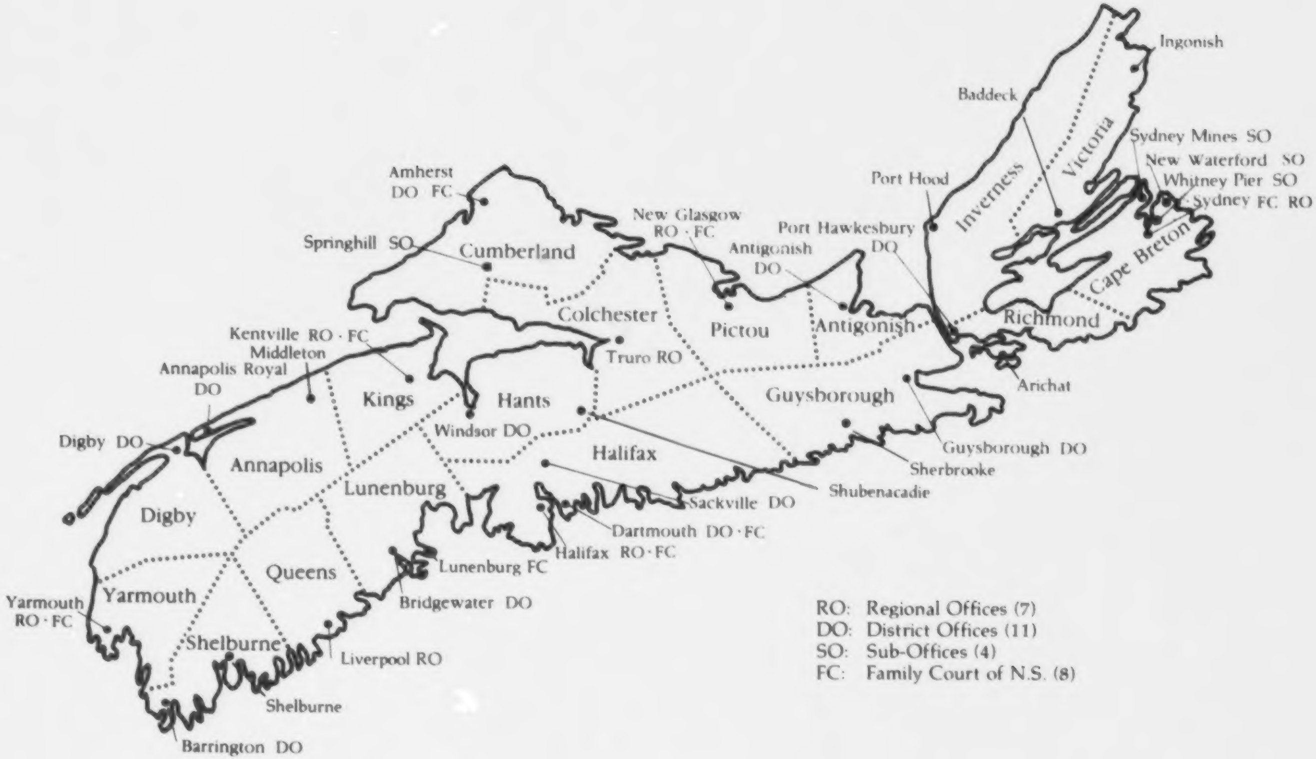
Established in 1978, the Field Services and Personnel Division is responsible for the management of seven regional and 11 district offices and for Family Court and psychological services throughout the province. It also provides personnel services to the entire staff of the Department of Community Services.

In 1988 the regional office operation was increased from five regions to seven. The expansion was primarily designed to reduce the size of certain regions into smaller, more manageable units, for greater efficiency and improved service to the public.

The regional and district offices and Family Courts throughout the province provide the following services to clients:

- financial assistance—Family Benefits and Municipal Social Services in certain areas
- Rehabilitation Services
- Family and Children's Services in certain areas
- young offenders services
- adult services in the Family Court
- community service projects in certain areas, and
- Psychological Services.

All space allocations, including the acquisition of additional and/or expanded space and renovations and alterations to existing facilities are dealt with through the Field Services and Personnel Division in consultation with the Department of Government Services.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Staff of the Field Services and Personnel Division

Personnel Services Section

As of March 31, 1988, the total staff complement for the Department of Community Services was 933, including 340 staff in field offices. (See Tables 36 and 37.)

The Personnel Services Section operates under the direction of the Director of Field Services and Personnel and includes a personnel manager, a supervisor of personnel services, a personnel clerk and a secretary. This section carries out a comprehensive program of personnel services for the entire Department. Services provided include:

- the recruitment, selection and placement of all staff in the Department
- the co-ordination of personnel services and procedures for the entire Department, including a centralized personnel system providing salary and wage administration, an automated personnel record control system, performance appraisal and related services, and
- consultation to the Minister, Deputy Minister and divisional heads on personnel-related matters.

The Personnel Services Section processed 94 appointments and/or transfers during fiscal 1987/88, as well as 46 separations, which were a combination of resignations, retirements and transfers from the Department. A total of 44 new positions were added to the complement in the past year.

The field operation of the Department realized a major expansion in fiscal 1987/88 with the addition of two new regions: the South Shore Region and the new Central Region. The two new regional offices are located at Truro and Liverpool. This expansion increased the number of regions from five to seven.

Continued involvement in the affirmative action program ensures that all candidates are given equal opportunity to compete for positions within the Department of Community Services. There have been a total of 20 permanent or casual affirmative-action candidates appointed to the staff of the Department during the 1987/88 fiscal year.

The Personnel Services Section is responsible for all personnel transactions and for the co-ordination of such transactions between the Department, the Civil Service Commission, the Management Board and the Department of Finance in accordance with existing legislation, negotiated agreements, and Civil Service Commission policies and procedures.

The 1987/88 fiscal year witnessed the implementation of the Bargaining Unit Study, and proposals for a modified work week, job sharing, and part-time civil servants that resulted from the negotiations between the Civil Service Commission and the Nova Scotia Government Employees Union.

Psychological Services

Psychological Services has provided testing services to 621 clients associated with the Department of Community Services and various private agencies over the past year. Recommendations for additional counselling and other resources were also made to ensure that clients receive appropriate follow-up services.

The assessment component of this service provides evaluation of both children and adults. Although the type of assessment may vary according to request, the assessments most utilized include evaluations of intelligence, social development, language skills, academic skills, vocational aptitude, perceptual skills, and interest. All assessments are provided by psychological technicians under the supervision of a registered psychologist.

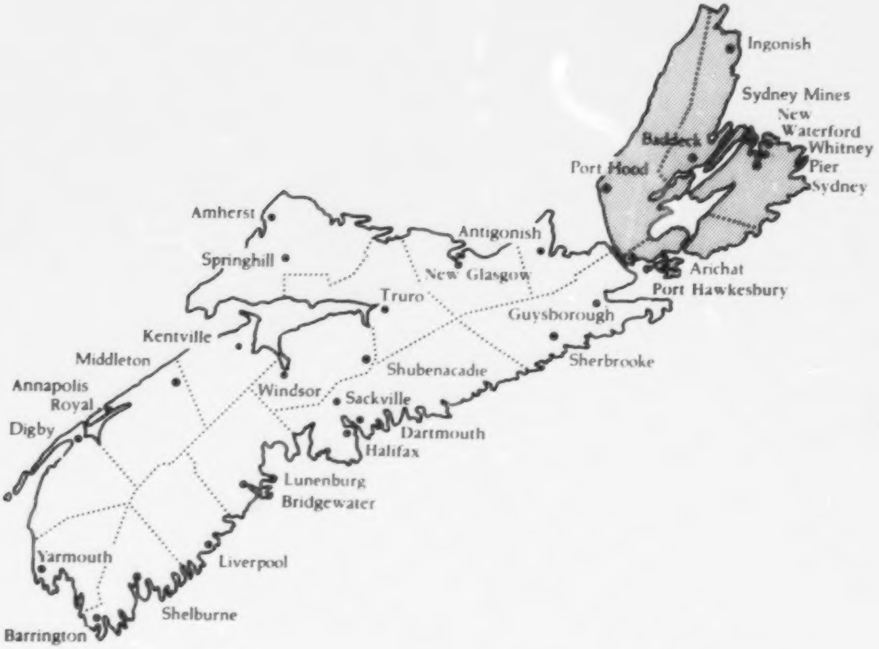
Approximately 60% of evaluations were completed on adult clients associated with the rehabilitation programs for single parents and the disabled. Utilizing a comprehensive battery of tests, direction is provided to clients and workers regarding placements, potential for vocational or university training, and aptitudes. Information is also provided on assessed interest areas. By comprehensive analysis of the test results, the client's social history and other factors that might affect training, recommendations of appropriate training programs, work placements and so on are made.

Assessments are provided to both preschool and school-aged children. Assessments on preschool children are usually conducted to provide information regarding school-readiness, social and intellectual development, and level of functioning prior to adoption. Utilizing this service, workers are assisted in providing parents, foster parents, day care staff and others with an indication of areas that should receive extra stimulation. Indication is also provided regarding the need for additional community resources, such as a speech therapist or day care placement. School-aged children are assessed for similar reasons and to provide information regarding appropriate school placements, along with other community resources that might aid in development.

Psychological Services continues to provide evaluations for placement in programs, as requested by both the Services for the Mentally Handicapped and the Nova Scotia Residential Centre admissions committees. In addition, regular updates are provided at the Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre, Children's Training Centres and, upon request, at the Nova Scotia Residential Centre and the Shelburne Youth Centre. Evaluations also are provided of both children and adults as directed by Family Court Judges.

Regional Offices

Cape Breton Region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Port Hawkesbury District Office	— Port Hawkesbury
New Waterford Sub-Office	— New Waterford
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Family Court	— Sydney
	Port Hawkesbury (circuit)
	Port Hood (circuit)
	Ingonish (circuit)
	Arichat (circuit)
	Baddeck (circuit)

Cape Breton Regional Office

F.A. "Sandy" Bowes, Regional Administrator
Frank Capstick, Assistant Regional Administrator

The Cape Breton Regional Office is located at 360 Prince Street, Sydney, in the Provincial Building. The area serviced by the Cape Breton Regional Office encompasses mainly the counties of Cape Breton and Victoria, which have a combined population of 140,000. Sub-offices are maintained in New Waterford and Sydney Mines to provide an effective delivery of the Community Services program.

The Rehabilitation staff, Community Services staff, field assessment officer, Homes for Special Care staff, adult protection worker and the home care co-ordinator provide service in all four of the counties located on Cape Breton Island.

Family Benefits Program

The decentralized Family Benefits Program continues to function at a most productive and efficient level. Some 1,905 applications were given out in the past fiscal year for all categories within this program. The caseload served by our 14 field staff as of March 31, 1988, was 7,200. The decentralized approach to the delivery of this program has continued to ensure a high quality of service to recipients.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services provides vocational counselling to mentally, physically and vocationally handicapped adults residing on Cape Breton Island. Vocational rehabilitation services for single parents are now a significant part of our rehabilitation program and have grown rapidly. As of March 1988 the two single-parent workers were carrying a caseload of 220. The purpose of this program is to assist single parents in receipt of Family Benefits to overcome the barriers that prevent them from becoming employed.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program, under the direction of the Assistant Regional Administrator, provides consultation to all Municipal Social Services units on Cape Breton Island through the co-ordinator of financial programs. A regional policy approved by all municipal units on Cape Breton Island ensures the delivery of a quality Municipal Social Services Program.

The great majority of Municipal Social Services employees are employed by their municipal units but maintain a close liaison with our regional office.

Contractual agreements exist between the Department of Community Services and the municipalities of North Sydney and the Town of Dominion to provide Municipal Social Services programs in those areas. The staff are employees of the Department of Community Services, but the responsibility for policy rests with the respective municipal units.

Community Services Program

The Community Services Program, under the direction of a casework supervisor, with two field workers and a secretary working out of sub-offices in New Waterford and Sydney Mines, assists individuals and groups to upgrade their housing. This program is also responsible for the effective delivery of Day Care Services by determining eligibility for subsidized day care in industrial Cape Breton. The field staff are also responsible for recommending the relicensing of all private day-care centres. Over 300 children in our jurisdiction are in receipt of subsidized day care.

Homes for Special Care

The field assessment officer for Homes for Special Care monitors the standard of care received by the 1,431 residents in the 38 Homes for Special Care located on Cape Breton Island. These homes are:

- three Nursing Homes
- 10 Homes for the Aged
- 12 residential care facilities
- 10 Group Homes
- two Adult Residential Centres, and
- one rehabilitation facility.

The field assessment officer prepares all recommendations in relation to the licensing of the facilities and, with the administrative staff of the Homes for Special Care, works towards upgrading and maintaining the standards of resident care. This employee also classifies and assesses applicants seeking placement in Homes for Special Care from the hospitals in the Cape Breton Region.

Adult Protection Services

The Adult Protection Act was proclaimed on June 6, 1986. The first adult protection worker for the Cape Breton Region was appointed on July 14, 1986. Mr. Barry MacDonald was subsequently appointed to this position in March 1988 when the incumbent, Mr. Stewart Matheson, resigned. In addition there are seven departmental employees empowered to act as designates — four in the Sydney office and three in the Port Hawkesbury District Office. Approximately 20 new referrals are made each month. The majority of referrals are for persons over the age of 60 who are reported to be in a state of neglect. A very small percentage are actual abuse cases, and very few cases require court intervention. In many instances the adult protection worker is able to utilize community resources to resolve many of the situations that have been referred.

Family Court, Sydney

Rita MacNeil, B.A., R.S.W., Supervisor of the Family Court
Stan Reppa, B.S.W., Senior Family Court Officer
Walter MacMillan, B.S.W., Casework Supervisor (Young Offenders)

The Family Court is located in the Provincial Building on Prince Street in Sydney and provides service to the geographical area of the Municipality of the County of Cape Breton, the Municipality of the County of Victoria, and part of the Municipality of the County of Richmond.

The Family Court combines two disciplines: judicial and social. The judicial side of the Family Court operation concerns itself with the Family Maintenance Act, the Young Offenders Act, particular sections of the Divorce Act and sections of the Criminal Code of Canada. The social side involves marital counselling on a short-term basis to reconcile and conciliate problems within the family structure.

Enforcement Services, with a caseload of 1,937, is responsible for the collection of maintenance payments determined by a Family Court Judge. Monies processed through the Family Court of Cape Breton for fiscal 1987/88 came to approximately $2,819,600.

Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton

F.A. "Sandy" Bowes, Executive Director
Hildegarde O'Neill, Director, Placement Services
Ian MacPherson, Director, Protection Services

The following services are provided through the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton:

- Protection Services
- the Ward Program
- adoption
- foster home finding and training
- the Single Parent Program
- Group Homes, and
- a residental centre.

Protection Services

The agency's child protection program has a complement of 10 workers, including a full-time intake worker. The field staff are assigned to specific geographic areas of Cape Breton and Victoria counties. In 1987-88 the protection staff were involved in 1,137 referrals, with an overall monthly caseload of 520 and an average of 95 new referrals each month. The assigned intake approach to child protection services has been effective in identifying and preventing all phases of child abuse. In the past year the agency has increased its emphasis on preventive services.

Ward Program

The Ward Program of the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton has 165 children under care and custody. Over 75% are in their teens and experiencing emotional and placement problems associated with the teenage years. The six workers involved in this program work with these youngsters on a daily basis.

Adoption Program

Social workers hold group meetings with prospective couples, covering topics such as procedure, policy, legalities, availability and nutrition. Couples now complete their own history and are seen in individual and joint interviews. The emphasis continues to be on placing older and difficult-to-place children. Ten children were placed for adoption through the agency program in the past year.

Foster Home Program

The Foster Home Program continues to receive four to five inquiries each month from people interested in becoming foster parents. All applicants are seen on an individual and family basis prior to approval and may attend periodic training seminars dealing with topics such as maintenance, the Children's Services Act, separation trauma, natural parents, adolescence, and drug abuse. The agency maintains a close liaison with the Cape Breton Foster Parents Association.

Single Parent Program

The Single Parent Program has continued to expand in the past year. The public has become more aware of this particular service through improved publicity and in-service programs. We anticipate that this program will continue to grow in direct relation to the increasing number of single parents.

Group Homes

The society owns and operates two Group Homes in the City of Sydney, which have a capacity of six and five. The group parents reside in the home on a live-in basis and, with the support of social workers, provide an excellent home environment for children who are unable to function in their own homes or foster homes. The population of the co-ed home is composed of young teenagers attending junior high school, and children in the other home are somewhat younger.

Residential Centre

The Boys Residential Centre, under the management of the Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton, is located in the Town of New Waterford. The staff under the centre's director provide a high quality of care and supervision for the boys who reside in this facility. The centre experienced a 90% occupancy in 1987-88, which demonstrates the continuing need for such a facility.

Port Hawkesbury District Office

Gordon MacMaster, District Supervisor

The Port Hawkesbury District Office is located in the Provincial Building on MacSween Street. The office serves the needs of Inverness and Richmond counties, which have a combined population of 36,000.

Family Benefits Program

Two full-time caseworkers maintain an average caseload of approximately 1,000 cases. This program provides financial assistance to disabled persons, single parents (both male and female) and foster parents. The staff are also involved with the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs and complete subsidy applications for two day-care centres. The staff continually make referrals to outside agencies.

In 1986 the Port Hawkesbury office was decentralized and fell under the jurisdiction of the Sydney Regional Office. As part of decentralization, a computer terminal was installed. This terminal allowed workers to obtain the most up-to-date Family Benefits data in moments.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program, through a contract between the Department of Community Services and the Town of Port Hawkesbury, employs a full-time worker who maintains a caseload of 120-150 clients each month. An additional staff of three provides Homemakers Services in the town. Municipal Social Services offices are also maintained in Port Hood and St. Peters, by Inverness and Richmond counties, respectively.

The Municipal Social Services Program offers financial assistance in the General Assistance Program and in Homes for Special Care. In the past fiscal year the program provided $331,000 in General Assistance and expended $130,000 to maintain persons in Homes for Special Care.

Family Court, Port Hawkesbury

The Family Court in Port Hawkesbury, serving the town, Inverness County and Richmond County, hears all actions under the Family Maintenance Act, Children's Services Act and Young Offenders Act.

The Family Court worker maintains an active caseload in excess of 300 maintenance orders monthly. Monthly collections average more than $30,000. Collections for fiscal 1987/88 were $380,000. The worker also acts as Youth Court worker, with an average caseload of 12-15 young offenders monthly.

Family Court is held every alternate Tuesday in Port Hawkesbury and Arichat, and every Thursday in Port Hood.

Alternative measures which follow provincial guidelines for youths in conflict with the law have been very successful to date. Five hearings have been completed since October 1986.

This program enjoys a favourable reception with the services and communities involved. A representative from Port Hawkesbury is a member of the board of the Island Alternative Measures Society in Sydney.

Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond

Gordon MacMaster, Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond was incorporated in 1981. The society is responsible for the legislated programs contained in the Children's Services Act, such as for the protection, adoption, care and custody of children. The society maintains a number of foster homes throughout the two counties.

Although the number of referrals being made to the agency increased by 69% last year, the actual number of children in care continues to decline. We attribute this to the fact that we are receiving these referrals much earlier than in the past, and before situations reach the critical stage.

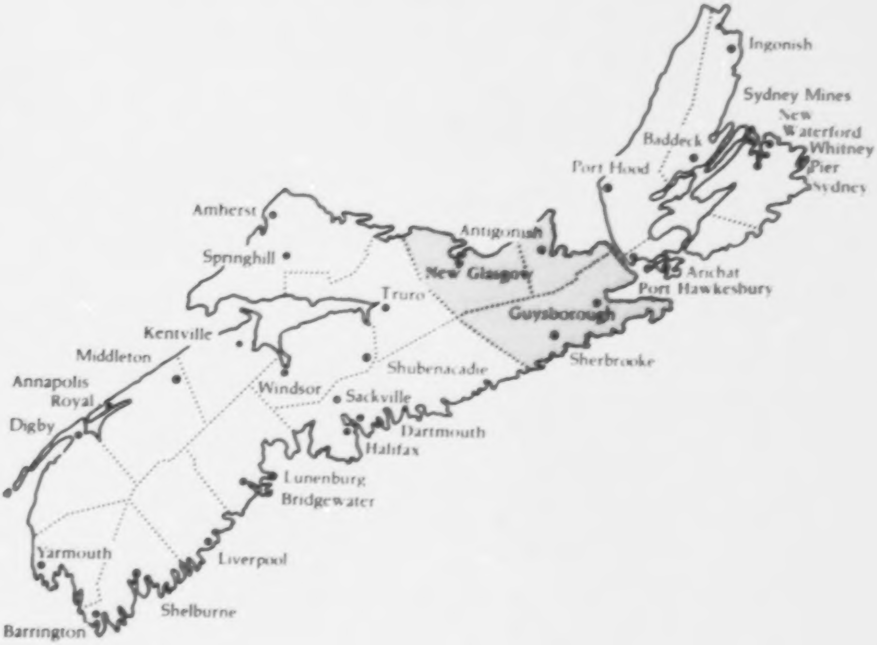
The programs offered by the agency are both preventive and protective. The protection workers of the Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond respond and investigate referrals regarding allegations of child abuse and neglect.

The society also acts as a support or referral system, and workers may become involved with individuals and families in a family care phase as opposed to protection. The agency is governed by the Children's Services Act, which outlines legislation involving children under 16 years of age.

The preventive programs are working extremely well in combating the problem of child abuse and neglect.

Regional Offices

North Shore Region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Antigonish District Office — Antigonish
Guysborough District Office — Guysborough
Family Court — New Glasgow
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Guysborough (circuit)
Sherbrooke (circuit)

The "Good Touches, Bad Touches" program was introduced to elementary school students, Grades Primary to 6. This year it was directed at the Grade 3 level. The objective of this program is to teach children how to recognize and resist sexual abuse. Over 2,000 children participated in the program in the last two years.

The agency's goal in presenting the "Choices and Consequences" program is to educate and encourage teenagers to develop the ability to think about the consequences of a choice before a choice is made. In this way, teenagers will make more informed decisions and take responsibility for their actions. A film entitled "First Things First" supplements the discussion and emphasizes the alternatives to peer pressure when sexuality, and drug or alcohol abuse are involved.

The "Home Based Nurturing Program" is a validated approach for teaching parents and their children new nurturing ways of interacting. The overall goal of the program is to provide instruction to parents and their children from birth to 5 years of age to lessen the risk of maltreatment. Activities are carried out by a family care worker, with all family members participating in the setting of their own home. The program can be used with any family that needs or desires healthier ways to live and interact.

North Shore Regional Office

Cyril Reddy, Regional Administrator
Douglas Burgess, Casework Supervisor

The North Shore Region of the Department of Community Services consists of Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough counties, with a total population of 85,000. The regional office, located in the Town of New Glasgow, is the focal point of services delivered within the region. The regional office, under the direction of the Regional Administrator, is administered on a joint-service basis with the Children's Aid Society of Pictou County. A combined staff of 34 is located in the regional office.

Family Benefits Program

In 1987-88 the average monthly caseload served through the Family Benefits Program was 1,540, with a total yearly expenditure of $7,984,322. This expenditure is a 6.3% increase over the previous year's expenditure. Three social service workers under the direct supervision of the Casework Supervisor, and with the assistance of summer employees, are responsible for the effective delivery of this active and high-profile program. The staff of our office also provide a great deal of assistance to senior citizens who apply for the various financial aid programs. All applications for day care subsidy in Pictou County are also processed by a member of our Family Benefits staff.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program is administered by the Department of Community Services on a contractual basis with four municipal units, namely the towns of Stellarton, Westville, Trenton and Pictou. The field staff are employees of the Department of Community Services; however, the responsibility for policy rests with each individual municipal unit. The director of Municipal Social Services for the Town of Pictou has been relocated from the regional office to the Municipal Building in Pictou, resulting in an improved quality of service.

The Municipal Social Services Program for the Town of New Glasgow is provided through a contractual arrangement with the Children's Aid Society of Pictou County. This program is delivered for the Municipality of the County of Pictou by four employees, including the director. The staff are centrally located in the North Shore Regional Office.

Rehabilitation Services

This program provides services to individuals over the age of 16 who because of physical or mental handicaps require skills or occupational training to enable them to become self-sufficient. The rehabilitation program also provides counselling to single mothers to assist them in becoming self-sufficient through training, upgrading and the provision of employment. Two field workers are attached to the program. One worker, whose efforts are concentrated on the disabled, provides this service in the counties of Pictou, Antigonish and Guysborough. The worker responsible for single parents provides this service to all five counties in the North Shore and Central regions.

Adult Protection Services

Services provided under the Adult Protection Act are delivered within Pictou County through five designated employees of the Department of Community Services. We have experienced an increase in referrals relating to this program as the public becomes more aware of the

Department's role to insure the protection of our senior citizens and handicapped and disabled persons.

Homes For Special Care

Nine Homes for Special Care with a licensed capacity of 609 beds are located within Pictou County. The larger facilities are Glen Haven Manor in New Glasgow, Valley View Villa in Riverton, Edward Mortimer Place in Pictou and the I.O.O.F. Home, also in Pictou. The one adult residential care facility is located in Riverton, and the two residential care facilities are Sunset Haven in New Glasgow and Shady Oaks Rest Home in Union Centre. Two Group Homes are under the management of Highland Residential Community Services in Pictou County: one on Temperance Street in New Glasgow and the other on Foord Street in Stellarton.

The Regional Tripartite Committee, in its first year of existence, established new per diem rates for all the above facilities. The response to this new rate-setting process was most positive as it provided all parties involved with the opportunity for full participation.

The field assessment officer for Homes for Special Care is located in the North Shore Regional Office and is responsible for all aspects of licensing and for the classification of residents from hospitals to Homes for Special Care in both the North Shore and Central regions.

Family Court, New Glasgow

The Family Court, which hears all actions brought before it under the Family Maintenance Act, the Young Offenders Act, the Children's Services Act and the Infants' Custody Act, had a busy year in 1987-88. A total of 1,371 active cases were registered in the Court during the past fiscal year, an 12.8% increase over the previous year. The increased caseload resulted in $1,814,994.78 being collected within the region through Enforcement Services. The Court handled 284 hearings relating to matters under the Young Offenders Act and 92 matters involving the Children's Services Act. The caseload carried by the youth worker increased from 32 as of March 1987 to 53 in March 1988.

An additional courtroom was added to the Family Court facility which will allow the Court to respond more effectively to the increasing number of people using its services.

Children's Aid Society of Pictou County

Cyril Reddy, Executive Director
Judy Zinck, Casework Supervisor

The Children's Aid Society of Pictou County in fiscal 1987/88 was extended to its fullest capacity in responding to community needs. The following services are provided through our agency:

- Protection Services
- services to children in care
- Municipal Social Services (Town of New Glasgow)
- Adoption Services
- a single-parent program
- a foster home program, and
- Teaching Homemakers.

Protection Services

The six field staff attached to the protection program responded to 208 referrals relating to suspected child abuse or neglect. There were also an additional 136 requests for the society's services, including home studies, adoption inquiries, custody reports, self-referrals, and reports required by the Family Benefits Program. Twenty-two children were taken into the care of the agency, and subsequently 17 of these children were placed into the legal care and custody of the society by order of the Family Court. Sixteen children were taken into the voluntary care of the agency for a period of time not to exceed one year, or until they could be returned to their homes.

Services to Children in Care

The agency had 95 children in its care and custody as of March 31, 1988, a reduction of five from the previous year. More than 70% of our children are over 12 years of age, which clearly dictates the need for increased services to our adolescents. The number of adolescents referring themselves to our agency and requesting placement outside their natural homes continues to increase, as they are experiencing difficulty functioning within the family unit. The society is actively involved in plans for improved services to the adolescents in our care and for the many more who reside within Pictou County.

Municipal Social Services (Town of New Glasgow)

The society, on the basis of a contractural agreement with the Town of New Glasgow, is responsible for the delivery of the town's Municipal Social Services Program. The staff assigned to this program provided financial assistance to an average caseload of 347 per month, which included residents of the Town of New Glasgow who reside in Homes for Special Care. The gross expenditure for both General Assistance and Homes for Special Care in fiscal 1987/88 was $1,632,661.

Adoption Services

Our adoption program also experienced an extremely busy year. Fourteen children were placed for adoption, five under one year of age, with the other nine children being more than 2 years old, which demonstrates a significant change in our adoption program. The agency was also involved with 40 private adoptions, 33 children with relatives and 7 with a third party.

Single Parent Program

Many single parents initially consider placing their children for adoption. However, with increased support services, more are choosing to keep their babies after the children are born, which is very much in accordance with present-day trends. The agency ensures that single parents are aware of all options available to them and assists them with their plans for their children.

Foster Home Program

The foster home program remains our number one placement resource. Sixty percent of our foster homes are located in the rural areas, and 40% within the five towns in Pictou County. Many long-term and new foster parents have committed themselves to ensuring that children in need are provided with quality homes. In 1987-88, 27 inquiries were received from couples who indicated an interest in becoming foster parents. The manner in which our foster parents have responded in emergency and difficult situations is most appreciated by all concerned.

Recruitment of new foster parents and increasing the skills of our present foster parents is an ongoing process. Training sessions to help foster parents deal effectively with the many problems presented to them are also conducted on a regular basis by the Agency's staff.

Teaching Homemakers

The teaching homemakers program continues to be a very important component of our service delivery system. Fifty-two families, 36 of whom were involved with the child protection program, received guidance with the management of their finances, their parenting skills, and a helping hand from a concerned staff who have a clear understanding of the difficulties being experienced by the families with whom they are involved.

The Children's Aid Society of Pictou County, in its 74th year of operation, again experienced a substantial increase in workload. The society, through its staff and board of directors, is enlarging and reinforcing its traditional programs and developing new services to meet the needs of our present-day society.

Antigonish District Office

L.A. Mills, District Supervisor

The Antigonish District Office of the Department of Community Services is located in the Provincial Building on James Street in Antigonish. The office provides departmental services to the County of Antigonish and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's, and Young Court services to the entire County of Guysborough.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program in the Antigonish office provides services to Family Benefits recipients in the County of Antigonish and the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. This service is available to disabled people, disabled people with dependent children, people with dependent children and foster parents.

Community Services Program

One commuinty service worker devotes part of their time to the Community Services Program. The program involves housing and repair programs offered by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Nova Scotia Department of Housing. The worker assists residents of the area by providing information and direction regarding home improvements and housing in general.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program has two social service workers under contract to administer the program for the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's.

In-Home Support Program

Most senior citizens and disabled persons would rather remain in their own homes than enter Homes for Special Care. To facilitate this wish, a program has been developed to provide those persons who qualify with financial assistance. The assistance is granted where it can be demonstrated that it is necessary to enable the recipient to remain in his or her own home and modestly enhance his or her lifestyle.

Family and Children's Services

Three social service workers provide services to children and adults including:

- services to children who require a substitute family placement
- services to unmarried parents
- adoption services
- child protection and family care services, including individual and family counselling
- provision of voluntary care for children, and
- adult protection services.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided to residents of the County of Antigonish and are available to residents of the three municipal units within this office's jurisdiction through two private agencies. Financial assistance is available to clients of Homemakers Services through the Department's Municipal Social Services Program.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services are provided to residents of the Antigonish District Office area through the North Shore Regional Office in New Glasgow.

Day Care

A day care service is available to preschool children in a facility centrally located in the Town of Antigonish and subsidized by the Department of Community Services.

Homes for Special Care

Two Homes for Special Care are located in the Town of Antigonish, and one is located in the Village of Sherbrooke, in the Municipality of the District of St. Mary's. The total capacity of these three homes is 185 guests. Many of these guests are supported financially through the Municipal Social Services Program.

Family Court, Antigonish

The Family Court serving Antigonish and Guysborough counties hears all actions brought under various statutes dealing with family matters and children, including the Family Maintenance Act, Infants' Custody Act, Children's Services Act, Young Offenders Act and certain sections of other Acts, including the Criminal Code of Canada.

Youth Court and community services are provided by one Youth Court worker, who serves both Antigonish and Guysborough counties. Service is provided to children under 16 years of age who have been charged and found guilty of an offence.

Guysborough District Office

Harold M. Roberts, District Supervisor

The Guysborough District Office of the Department of Community Services provides services to the Municipality of the District of Guysborough, the Town of Mulgrave and the Town of Canso, and is located in the Chedabucto Centre, just outside the Village of Guysborough. The Guysborough District Office was established in fall 1977.

Family and Children's Services

Two caseworkers provide child welfare services to families and children including:

- child protection services
- family support and related counselling services
- counselling to unmarried mothers and single parents
- adoption services, including placement of children for adoption
- recruitment and assessment of foster homes
- supervision for children committed to the care and custody of the Minister
- provisions for the temporary removal of children (voluntary care)
- preparation of custody reports as requested by the Family Court
- completion of day care subsidy applications
- licensing of day care facilities in the area and assessing all day care centres each year
- planning and preparation for dispersion of the Christmas Daddies Fund
- arrangement of summer camping programs at Camp Canso, Glasgow Head, Guysborough County, and
- carrying out prescribed adult protection services as outlined under the provisions of the Adult Protection Act.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides services to Family Benefits recipients in the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and the Towns of Canso and Mulgrave. The service provides financial assistance, usually of a prolonged nature, to disabled individuals, disabled fathers and/or disabled mothers with dependent children, unmarried mothers and fathers with dependent children, deserted mothers or fathers with dependent children, foster parents, and aged people.

The worker in this program also handles all home-improvement requests from recipients in the program. Assistance is also provided to applicants under the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs.

Municipal Social Services Program

Municipal Social Services has one worker on a contractual basis with the three municipal units in the county. The worker administers

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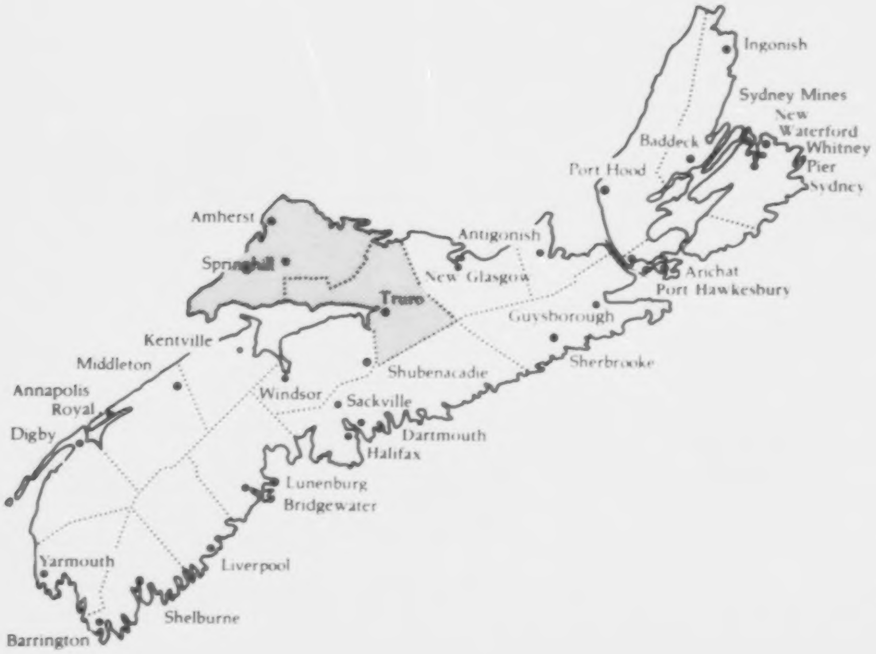
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short-term financial assistance to individuals determined to be in need in the Municipality of the District of Guysborough and the Towns of Canso and Mulgrave. The service provides for people seeking placement in a community residence program or admission to a Home for Special Care. The Municipality of the District of Guysborough has its own Home for the Aged at Hazel Hill, Guysborough County. A new facility is currently under construction to replace the Hazel Hill Home in the Village of Guysborough.

The In-Home Support Program offers financial assistance to seniors and disabled individuals wishing to remain in their home with support from a relative as an alternative to placement in a Home for Special Care.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers provide support and assistance to elderly and disabled citizens. A working supervisor/co-ordinator, six homemakers and one part-time homemaker work out of the Guysborough Municipal Building to provide service to the Municipality of the District of Guysborough. The service teaches parenting skills, budgeting, nutritional needs and household management to families who need assistance. The caseload is primarily geared to the needs of seniors and disabled. The service has been effective in improving the quality of life in Guysborough County.

The Town of Mulgrave has two homemakers serving the town. The Town of Canso is in the process of establishing a program.

Family Court, Guysborough

Family Court is held in Guysborough every second Thursday by a circuit judge from New Glasgow. The Family Court hears all actions under the Family Maintenance Act, Children's Services Act, Young Offenders Act and certain sections of the Criminal Code of Canada. The Family Court officer is involved in the enforcement of many statutes over which the Family Court has jurisdiction. The enforcement program was established in the office in November 1982.

Central Regional Office

Harvey J. MacArthur, M.S.W., Regional Administrator

As a result of an administrative reorganization of the Department, two new regions were created in August 1987. One of these new regions is the Central Region, which comprises Colchester and Cumberland counties.

The Central Regional Office is located at 58 Willow Street in Truro at the Colchester Social Service Centre. This centre is also occupied by the Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County. The staff of 40 provides, through joint agreement between the Department of Community Services and the Children's Aid Society, the various community service programs to the 46,000 residents of Colchester County.

Family Benefits Program

An average of 1,160 families and individuals receive financial aid through this program each month. There were 12 families processed through the Family Benefits housing program as well as a number of small loans for minor housing repairs.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services to individuals who, because of mental, physical or social disabilities, require counselling and support towards self-sufficiency, were provided to an average of 50 clients each month. The services of this program are expanding to include workshops to prepare the newly trained client to look for and obtain a job best suited to their special needs and skills.

The single-parent rehabilitation program available to single dependent parents continues to grow and be well received by an average of 62 clients, who are involved in educational and vocational training programs.

Community Support Services

Staff of the regional office continue their involvement in community endeavours to provide direct services and support programs. The Colchester Community Workshop was officially opened in May 1987 and has the capacity, with present staff, to accommodate up to 40 clients.

Social Assistance Recipient (SARS) Program

A SARS training and employment program for the Town of Truro and the Town of Stewiacke involves a total of 23 social assistance recipients (eight Family Benefits and 15 municipal assistance clients). A six-month project began in February 1988 with participants working for a total of 15 employers in both towns. Participants receive on-the-job training, classroom instruction, job orientation, life skills training and job-finding training. The objective of the program is to decrease dependency on social assistance and to increase the employability of participants. When the project concludes in August 1988, we expect to have met this objective.

Family Court, Truro

During the past year, 252 files were opened and the Family Court active orders increased from 622 to 669. Total collections for the year were $726,230, up by $116,360. We continue to administer the Shubenacadie Court, holding court every third Tuesday.

Two new staff were added during the year. Judge Corinne E. Sparks was appointed on April 1, 1987, and sits in Truro two days each week. An additional court reporter, Dena Redden, was hired in September. Judge Milner now sits in Truro only one day per week.

The Alternative Measures Program, under the Young Offenders Act, has had a very successful year. The program had 61 referrals of first-time offenders (up from 43 last year) and has had 20 referrals for community service orders. Due in part to the Alternative Measures Program, the youth officer's caseload has gone from a high of 45 cases last year down to an average of 24.

Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County

Harvey J. MacArthur, M.S.W., Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County is located at 58 Willow Street in Truro. The society is fortunate to have a very active board of directors from the Colchester area, insuring extensive community representation. The agency is responsible to the Minister of Community Services for the provision of the following services:

- Protection Services
- supervision of children committed to the legal care of the society by the Court, and children placed in care on a voluntary basis by their legal guardian

- licensing and supervision of foster homes
- adoption services
- services to unwed parents
- custody studies
- Municipal Social Services to the towns of Truro and Stewiacke, including approval and financial assistance for admission to Homes for Special Care
- Homemakers Services, and
- family counselling services.

To ensure community co-operation between resources, the Protocol Committee was set up to deal with child abuse referrals. This committee is made up of personnel from police, schools, hospitals, day cares, mental health agencies, Crown Prosecutor, and Public Health and has regular meetings during the year.

The number of children in the legal care of the agency is continually declining, but this does not indicate that there are fewer problems. It is an indication of the extensive effort being made to keep families together. Since the number of protection referrals continues to increase sharply each year, more staff have been hired and deployed in the protection field.

Ms. Beth Stanfield, President of the Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County (left), presented Life Member Certificate to Mr. Rod Tupper for his dedicated service and to Mrs. Mabel Canning for her 21 years as a receptionist with the organization.

The training program under the Job Strategy Program sponsored by Canada Employment and Immigration has come to a close. Several of the trainees from the program were successful in obtaining full- or part-time employment in the social service field after completing their training, and two of the trainees have gone on to university to study social work.

The grant for the Job Orientation and Motivation Project (JOMP) has been extended, and two workers continue to work with single mothers to assist in their self-development skills and improve their job-search techniques.

The Christmas Index for Colchester County is organized by the society. This is a major undertaking for volunteers from the board of directors and for the one hired person for the Christmas season. The Christmas Index program co-ordinates community groups and individuals who will provide assistance to the needy at Christmastime.

The Children's Aid Society and Family Services of Colchester County held its annual meeting on June 6, 1988. At that time, Mr. Rod Tupper was honoured for his long and dedicated service to the board of directors with a presentation of a "Life Member Certificate." Mrs. Mabel Canning, on the occasion of her retirement, was presented with a gift of recognition for her 21 years of service as a receptionist.

Cumberland District Office

Don Russell, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Cumberland District Office provides service throughout Cumberland County. The district office is located at 24 Crescent Avenue in Amherst at the Family Service Centre Building. It is operated on a joint-service basis with Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County.

Adult Protection Services

Four designates carry out the services of the Adult Protection Act in Cumberland County. Since the implementation of the Act in January 1986, this office has acted on 57 referrals up to and including May 1988. Under this program, services are provided for adults who are victims of abuse or neglect.

Staff of the Cumberland District Office

Community Services

Community services operates as a district sub-office in the Municipal Provincial Building in the Town of Springhill. Community Services provides service to individuals throughout the county who require assistance in meeting their housing needs.

Day Care Services

There are 50 subsidized day care seats in Cumberland County. The income testing for subsidization is completed by this office. Presently there are 15 private centres in this county. Staff here are responsible for recommending the licenses of these centres.

Emergency Measures

The staff of Family and Children's Services and the provincial Department of Community Services provide emergency social services during an emergency. These services include lodging, clothing, food, personal services and registration and inquiry. In this county the staff assist the five municipalities with emergencies as required.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program in Cumberland County is administered by three full-time workers. Approximately 1,200 families received benefits as of May 1988.

Cumberland County is looking forward to decentralization in the near future as demands continue to grow. Decentralization will improve the efficiency of the program and better serve the recipients of Cumberland County.

Assistance is also provided to applicants under the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program provides short-term financial assistance to people in need. Assistance also is given to individuals requiring placement in a Home for Special Care, including Nursing Homes and homes for the disabled.

Municipal Social Services for the Town of Amherst, the County of Cumberland and the Town of Parrsboro are provided from the Family Service Centre. The towns of Springhill and Oxford provide this service from their respective town offices.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services are provided from the Amherst office by one caseworker. Counselling and assessment services are provided to the disabled population over the age of 16.

Family Court, Amherst

The Province of Nova Scotia operates a Family Court for Cumberland County from the Family Service Centre, 24 Crescent Avenue, Amherst. The Court is in session Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.

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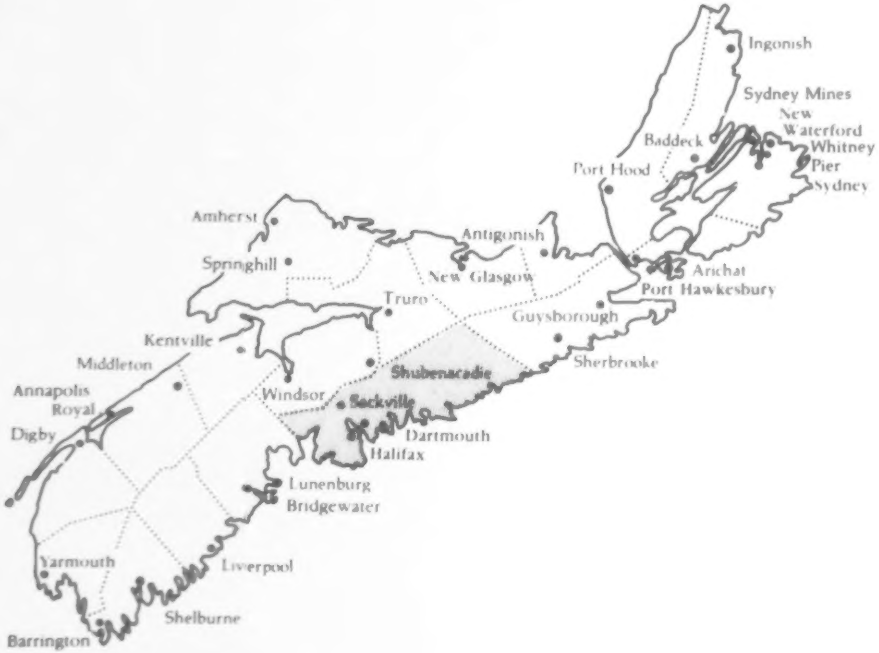
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Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County

Don Russell, M.S.W., Executive Director

This agency is a private, non-profit agency providing child care services, adoption, foster care and homemakers services as well as family and individual counselling and services to single parents. From April 1987 to March 31, 1988, this agency investigated 328 complaints.

Halifax Regional Office

Joan M. MacKinnon, M.S.W., Regional Administrator

The Halifax Regional Office is located at the Metro One Building, 6061 Young Street, Halifax. From this office the Regional Administrator directs service delivery of all the Department's field services for the region including specific direct committee tasks, e.g., the Regional Rate-Setting Committee, Halifax Region. This committee, of which the Regional Administrator is chairman, sets the per diem rates in 36 Homes for Special Care in the region. The Regional Administrator also acts as co-chairman of the Liaison Committee with CEIC on the SARS (Agreement to Enhance the Employability of Social Assistance Recipients) initiative.

Programs and services which operate from the Halifax Regional Office include Family Benefits, Day Care Services, Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Single Parents, the In-Home Support Program and specialized foster home placement for mentally handicapped children, and Adult Protection.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program is offered to the cities of Halifax and Dartmouth and to the Municipality of the County of Halifax. Social service workers process new applications and determine ongoing eligibility yearly for the nearly 6,000 individuals and families who receive Family Benefits.

The program is entirely decentralized now, which means that data entry, the initial eligibility process and decision-making regarding eligibility for benefits is managed at the field level.

Day Care Services

Two staff members assess parent financial eligibility for subsidized day care.

Rehabilitation Services

The Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Single Parents has three field staff working from the regional office. They concentrate on locating training opportunities for single parents and interviewing clients concerning their options and suitability for training, and set in place the necessary financial supports for clients who are ready to participate in training. The three serve on the local liaison committee with CEIC, which helps select suitable projects for social assistance recipients. This is a program with great potential, and it is growing with enthusiasm. Each of the three rehabilitation counsellors has a contact with one of the three municipalities in the metro area, and each contacts those individuals for referrals to the SARS projects. This ensures that both Family Benefits clients and clients on municipal social assistance receive opportunities for training and future employment.

In-Home Support and Foster Care for Handicapped Children

Over the years there has been less demand for foster care for handicapped children. Most parents prefer to keep their children at home with in-home support. Over the last year over 70 families have been helped financially with personal care needs, special needs, respite, and prosthetic devices.

Adult Protection

The Adult Protection Act was proclaimed in 1986. Since then the program has grown. It is not uncommon to have about 25 referrals monthly. Most relate to seniors who are living alone and neglecting their care. Many respond to services offered and, where necessary, placement arrangements are made into Nursing Home facilities.

Family Court, Halifax and Dartmouth

Calvin Dungay, Supervisor

The Halifax and the Dartmouth Family Courts have three sections: the Judiciary Section, the Counselling Section and the Enforcement Section.

Judicial Section

Six judges hear adult and youth matters at the Halifax and Dartmouth Family Court locations. A senior court reporter who works with the judges developed a court reporter's procedural manual this past year which has the potential to become a guide for court reporters throughout the province.

Counselling Section

Social service workers, acting as youth workers and after-care officers, provide supervision and counselling services to children who come into conflict with the law. Community Diversion projects and Community Service projects as restitution are popular alternatives in the rehabilitation of young offenders. Assistance is also rendered to families of the children when appropriate. One staff person in each Court provides intake, assessment and referral services to all clients who come to the Court.

Enforcement Section

This section is an integral part of the Family Court operation and is responsible for all payments made to the Court with respect to court orders and fines; it forwards payments to recipients and maintains the overall accounting system. This year, automation, together with a computer, was introduced into the Dartmouth Court for accounting purposes.

Children's Aid Society of Halifax

Marilyn R. Peers, R.S.W., Executive Director
Gail MacDougall, R.S.W., Co-ordinator of Program Services
Roger Godin, R.S.W., Supervisor, Family Care Unit
Barrie MacFarlane, R.S.W., Supervisor, Child Care Unit
Barbara Williams, R.S.W., Supervisor, Placement, Single Parent Unit
Chuck Lake, Comptroller

The Children's Aid Society of Halifax, located at 5244 South Street in Halifax, was founded in 1920. It is a private agency that provides a range of child welfare services within the City of Halifax. The community board of directors is responsible to the Minister of Social Services under the Children's Services Act and strives to maintain quality in all aspects of the society's work with families and children.

Family Care Services

Family Care Services is a specialized child-welfare service that offers help on behalf of any child considered or found to be neglected, abused or exploited. The focus is to help parents give care that meets their child's needs, thus protecting the child from further neglect or abuse and promoting the child's well-being. In 1987-88, 685 families received service from the agency. One hundred and sixty-eight children came into temporary care and, of these, 49 came into permanent care.

Single Parent Services

Single Parent Services provides supportive assistance to single, pregnant women before and after the birth of their child. The goal is to assure that the needs of both parent and child are met, and to help each mother arrive at the plan of choice for her baby. There were 50 referrals of single parents wishing help in planning for their infants in 1987-88.

Family Skills Services

Family Skills Services was begun in 1977 and provides three staff experienced in homemaking to teach parents skills in budgeting, nutrition, conducting job searches, child care and household management. The service has expanded to include assistance in obtaining accommodation, job retraining, advocacy, and resource referrals. Over 150 families were helped to learn the skills needed to raise children.

Child Care Services

Child Care Services provides for the care of children and youth who are unable to return to the care of their parents, for whom the stresses of parenting are too great. Children who require placement away from their own families are cared for primarily by foster parents. The Inter Church Group Home is designed to offer a living arrangement with a small group of peers in a homelike setting. They are assisted by selected group-home parents to handle the complexities of their relationships in the home and the community. Older youth have moved into independent living situations with the goal of continuing their education and training, and becoming self-supporting. The Annual Achievement Awards, provided through the financial support of the public have, since their beginning in 1981, assisted more than 35 of these young people, who have demonstrated exceptional academic and personal achievement. The agency has 174 children and youth in permanent care.

Adoption Services

Adoption Services are provided for children who cannot be raised by their natural parents and need and can benefit by new and permanent family ties established through legal adoption. In this way they are able to become members of a family that can give them the love, care, protection and opportunities essential for their healthy personal growth and development. Twenty children were placed in adoption homes in 1987-88.

Foster Care Services

Foster Care Services provides substitute family care for a planned period of time for a child when his or her own family cannot provide care for a temporary or extended period, and when adoption is either not yet possible or not desired. A number of foster parents who have had a child in care for several years or more have made a commitment to their foster child to live permanently as part of their family. The agency has 110 foster homes in this program.

Dartmouth District Office

Duncan K. Rosnok, District Supervisor

The Dartmouth District Office is located in the Professional Centre at 277 Pleasant Street, Suite 205, Dartmouth.

Rehabilitation Services

The Rehabilitation Services Program provides service to clients in the City of Halifax, the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax with the exception of the Bedford-Sackville area, which is covered by a rehabilitation counsellor in the Sackville District Office.

Three rehabilitation counsellors provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with physical, mental or emotional disabilities who are at least 16 years of age or older. These services include medical, social and vocational assessments; vocational counselling; and services relating to physical restoration and vocational training. The primary objective is to help the disabled individual to obtain employment. From April 1, 1987, to March 31, 1988, some 284 referrals were received, 167 new cases were opened, 134 clients were approved for training, and 71 people found jobs.

Family and Children's Services

The Family and Children's Services Program serves the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax with the exception of the area serviced by the Sackville District Office (Bedford-Sackville and Halifax County West).

The Single Parent Program comprises three single-parent workers and one case aide. They are responsible for providing counselling and supportive services to single parents to help them plan for their children and themselves before and after the birth, and to help them follow through with their plans. The workers arrange accommodations, financial support and medical care; provide information about legal rights, childbirth and alternatives open to the mother concerning her child's future; and provide temporary care for a child awaiting adoption placement or to give the mother time to make suitable plans to keep her child. During fiscal 1987/88, service was provided to 282 single parents.

Two social workers are responsible for recruiting foster homes; orienting and training foster parent applicants and new foster parents through group meetings over a two-week period; foster home placements; assisting in weekly permanency planning and adoption planning meetings for children in care; providing supervision of foster parents; attending foster-parent association meetings; and giving of their expertise and experience to foster parents. At the end of the fiscal year, 88 homes were in use. The number of homes approved for fostering was 116. This service is available to the Dartmouth and Sackville district offices.

Three social service workers work with the adoption program in the City of Dartmouth and the County of Halifax. Two are involved with agency adoptions, and one worker provides assessments in the private adoption program. During the past year the agency adoption program has placed special emphasis on the adoption of children with special needs.

The agency adoption workers provide assessments of prospective adoption families and for placement of children for adoption. The adoption program workers also offer information meetings and participate in a self-help, post-adoption group provided for families adopting children with special needs. Twenty-seven children were placed for adoption during the 1987/88 fiscal year.

The Private Adoption Program was active in fiscal 1987/88. Seventy-six cases were carried over from the previous year, 94 new cases were added, and 135 cases were completed and closed, leaving an active caseload of 35.

Three social service workers and one B.S.W. involved with the Ward Program are responsible for all the children in the care and custody of the Minister of Community Services. The number of wards for the Dartmouth District Office was 136 as of March 31, 1988. Of these, 108 children are 10 years of age or older; thus the four ward workers are primarily involved with problems and resources related to adolescents.

A social service worker has been added to the Ward Program in the capacity of a case aide.

The ward worker's main responsibility is to locate, secure and maintain a good home for the children, either a foster or an adoption home, looking after the best interests of the children in their care.

Independence Home is a facility providing an independent living situation for four girls aged 16 years and over. Independence Home is staffed by two volunteers and is supervised through the Ward Program and the Dartmouth District Office. This facility is available to all girls in the care of the Minister or other child-welfare agencies. Independence Home has generally been filled to capacity during the past year.

The Protection Program is organized to receive reports of child abuse and neglect from the community it services. It is organized into three separate, functional units: Intake, Family Services, and Child Care.

The Intake Unit consists of three permanent social workers who receive reports of child abuse and neglect from the community. They are responsible for investigating these reports and helping families to explore and to obtain services that can begin the process of resolving their problems. If the intake social worker has reason to believe that a family needs long-term follow-up, the family is transferred to the Family Services Unit. From April 1, 1987, to March 31, 1988, 888 intakes were received.

The Family Services Unit consists of seven social workers and is designed to work with families over a longer period of time, from a few months to a few years. These are usually families who have multiple problems and require supervision, support and constant motivation to accept and use community rehabilitation services. During 1987-88, caseloads in the Family Services Unit increased significantly because of the increased number of referrals to the Protection Program.

The Child Care Unit comprises two full-time social workers and is designed to receive all children who are placed in foster care by the social worker doing either Intake or Family Services work. A large percentage of the children are voluntarily admitted to care.

There is also a teaching homemaker attached to the Protection Program who is available to the other Family and Children's Services programs in the Dartmouth District Office. Her responsibility is to help the families referred to her to maintain the daily routine of the household as closely as possible, and to assist families in their individual needs for affection, attention and acceptance (i.e., in the areas of physical care, nutrition, health care, budgeting, etc.)

There are three case aides responsible for transporting children in care to and from appointments, visits, foster-home placements, shopping, etc., and for completing social histories of the applicants for admission to the mentally handicapped children's program. The case aides are also responsible for carrying out certain administrative tasks as designated by the District Supervisor or casework supervisor.

During 1987-88, the Dartmouth District Office provided field placement for four students from the Maritime School of Social Work: two students in the Single Parent Program and two students in the Protection Program.

Sackville District Office

Graeme M. Fraser, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Sackville District Office is located at the Cobequid Multi-Service Centre, 70 Memory Lane, Lower Sackville. The centre, with a staff of more than 100, provides a comprehensive range of health and social services to Bedford, Sackville and the surrounding areas. In addition to varied diagnostic and treatment services, the centre offers mental health services to children and adults, drug and alcohol treatment, and a variety of social service programs. The effectiveness of the Sackville office is enhanced by the opportunity to work co-operatively with such a range of services.

Family and Children's Services

The Family and Children's Services Program serves a population of approximately 80,000 people in the Bedford-Sackville area, to Hubbards on the west, and beyond Upper Musquodoboit on the east. The program involves the investigation of referrals of children who are alleged to be abused or neglected; counselling and support to families experiencing difficulty in parenting, with a view to the prevention or alleviation of abuse or neglect; and placement and supervision of children in the care of the agency either on a temporary or permanent basis.

During the past year approximately 500 new child abuse or neglect referrals were made, a 12% increase over the previous year. The number of children in permanent care declined once again, to 41; however, the number of children served through voluntary care agreements continued to grow, so that the total number of children in care remained within the same general range as the previous year (about 85-90).

As a result of the dramatic increase in caseloads over the past few years, a casework supervisor and two social worker positions were added during the year. This brought the total complement in this program to 11. Unfortunately, because of continued growth, this still did not meet the need. Consequently, if caseloads are to be brought more closely in line with the recommendations of the Task Force on Family and Children's Services, the staff complement will need to be further increased in the coming year.

Child sexual abuse and severe parent-adolescent conflict continued to present many challenging issues and to demand a heavy commitment of staff time.

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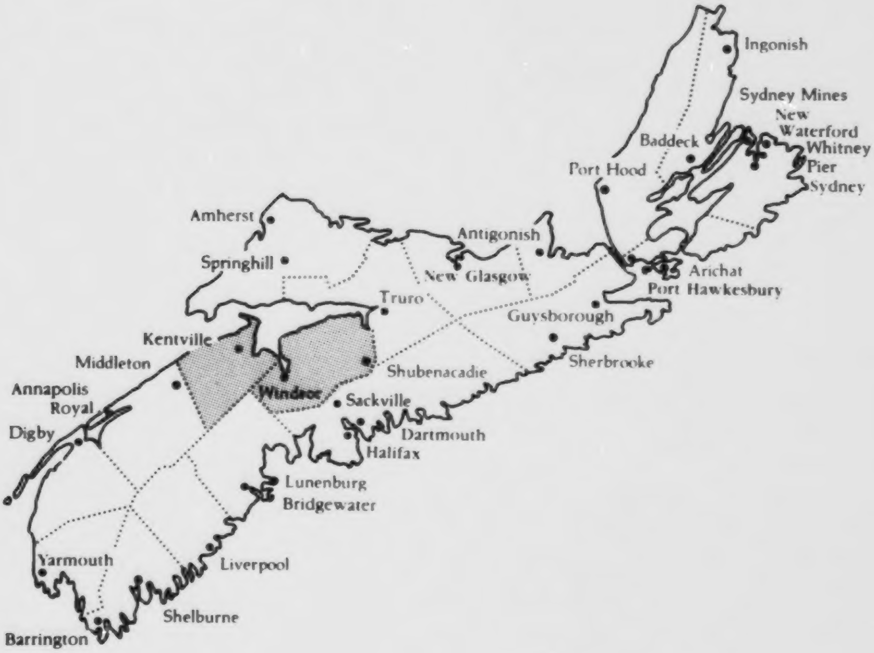
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OFFICES

Valley Regional Office — Kentville
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The Sackville office is one of three offices in the province to have been chosen as a pilot site for the implementation of computerization in the Family and Children's Services Program. Actual computerization is to begin during the next few months.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides financial assistance for various categories of recipients, most notably disabled persons and single parents with dependent children. The Bedford-Sackville area, the Musquodoboit Valley and part of Halifax County West are served from the Sackville office by two staff.

Almost $5 million was paid out to approximately 900 recipients and their families. This represents about an 8% increase in the caseload during the past year, after more modest growth in the preceding two or three years. Attempting to maintain the desired standard of service for the increased caseload has stretched staff resources.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Vocational Rehabilitation services are provided to the Bedford-Sackville area on a half-time basis. The program provides assessment and counselling, and facilitates vocational training and job placement for disabled persons.

The caseload has been maintained in the range of 50-60 clients in spite of the fact that the number of referrals has increased significantly. This has necessitated being more selective about which referrals can be accepted for service until it is possible to provide the services of a rehabilitation counsellor to the area on a full-time basis.

Valley Regional Office

Barry Costello, R.S.W., Regional Administrator

The Valley Region of the Department of Community Services encompasses the areas of Kings and Hants counties. The regional office is located in Kentville, and a district office is located in Windsor.

From the regional office in Kentville, services are provided to the approximately 57,000 residents of Kings County, including the towns of Kentville, Wolfville and Berwick. Provincial programs administered from Kings County are:

- Family Benefits
- rehabilitation services to the disabled
- rehabilitation services to single parents
- Day Care Services
- Family Court Services
- Adult Protection Services
- classifications and licensing, and
- regional co-ordination of home care services.

Family Benefits Program

Family Benefits provides assistance to 1,390 recipients. This service is provided by three Family Benefits workers under the Family Benefits Act and Regulations for:

- widows with dependent children
- single disabled persons
- disabled fathers with dependent children
- unmarried mothers
- deserted mothers
- divorced mothers
- wives of prisoners
- foster parents, and
- single fathers.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation services are provided from the Kentville office by one caseworker, serving the disabled population over 16 years of age. This worker covers Kings County, and service is also extended into Annapolis County. People who may qualify are unable to be gainfully employed because of social, physical or psychological handicaps, and assistance may be in the form of counselling or monetary assistance to assist individuals to become self-sufficient.

A single-parent worker out of the district office in Bridgewater provides services to single parents in the Kings County area. This service includes counselling or monetary assistance, depending on the need. The worker in this program carries a caseload of approximately 60 cases.

Day Care Services

Day Care Services are available to preschool children in two facilities: one in the Town of Kentville and one in the Town of Wolfville. These two registered day care centres are available to families who may qualify for financial assistance from the province. There are presently 97 children being subsidized in these centres.

Adult Protection Services

This program under the Adult Protection Act is serviced by one social worker from the Kentville office and covers the west end of the province and the South Shore. The caseload under Adult Protection Services is 22 cases.

Classifications and Licensing

This program is serviced by one worker located at the Kentville office and covers the central and western parts of the province.

Home Care Program

We have one home care co-ordinator working out of our office, serving the counties of Kings and Hants.

Family Court, Kentville

The Family Court is located in the Provincial Building, at 120 Exhibition Street in Kentville. This Court is a circuit court for the counties of Kings and Annapolis and for West Hants. Services provided by the Family Court fall under various Acts:

- Family Maintenance Act
- Maintenance Orders Enforcement Act
- Children's Services Act
- Infants' Custody Act
- Young Offenders Act
- Education Act
- Adult Protection Act, and
- Young Persons Proceedings Act.

The caseload under the Family Maintenance Act as of March 31, 1988, was 1,495 orders, with collections of $2,101,383.

In addition to the above mentioned Acts, the Family Court is also involved in the variation of orders under the Divorce Act of Canada. Last year the Court made variances of orders totalling 97 cases (not including variances of orders in Hants County).

The circuit court in the Valley Region is served by two judges.

Family and Children's Services of Kings County

Barry Costello, R.S.W., Executive Director

Family Care Services

Family Care Services provides legislated protective services for children of Kings County whose well-being may be at risk because of abuse or neglect. Through counselling and the use of community resources, staff help parents to provide a safe and caring environment for their children.

Social workers in the protection program worked with the families of approximately 905 children during the year, some requiring intensive, long-term help, some requiring alternative care arrangements for children and some requiring short-term assessment, counselling and/or referral to a more appropriate service.

The year 1987-88 was an intensive one for the workers and the programs of Family and Children's Services of Kings County. The rate of new referrals to the agency remained virtually unchanged. The key factor was the increase in the number of validated high-risk cases, especially in the area of child sexual and physical abuse. Comparing fiscal years 1986/87 and 1987/88, we saw an increase of 11% in referrals of suspected sexual abuse and an increase of 63% in referrals of suspected physical abuse.

Child Care Services

Child Care Services provided for the care of 148 children during the year. Of these, 83 were in the permanent care and custody of the agency and unable to return (by a Court decision) to the care of their parents. The majority of these children live in foster homes. A long-term commitment is sought between foster parents and a child who is unable to return home or is being placed for adoption.

Many of these children need help to develop independent living skills, and constant support and direction from staff and foster parents. Attention to this important aspect of the agency's work suffers because of the demands of the protection program.

Single Parent Services

Single Parent Services provided counselling to 10 single, pregnant women, and follow-up supportive services after the birth of their children. Most single women choose to raise their own child and often require supplementary support and resources to do so. In 1987-88, just one single parent counselled relinquished her child for adoption. Many single parents require follow-up help because of isolation, lack of family support, inadequate income, poor housing and/or lack of child-rearing skills.

Adoption Services

Two children were placed for adoption: one infant and one older child. Adoption Services is focussing more than ever on recruiting and assessing adoption homes for older children and siblings.

Educational meetings with prospective adopting applicants continue to focus on the needs of the adopted child and the adopting parents, and on the paramount need for homes for hard-to-place children. In addition to agency adoption placement, 13 private adoptions were processed. The agency views adoption as the alternative of choice if children cannot remain with their own families.

Foster Care Services

Foster Care Services includes 55 foster families who ensure care to children who must temporarily, and sometimes permanently, live apart from their birth parents. The agency arranges a home visit shortly after an application to foster is received. An information package is provided to prospective foster parents at that time. Training for foster parents is on an individual basis, e.g., one foster home may wish to care for teenagers, while another may wish to care for infants.

The Foster Parents' Association of Kings County was active during the year and is helping to provide training opportunities for foster parents. Foster families must have special qualities to help children feel secure and accepted during an often traumatic and frightening time in their lives. Fostering includes working with and preparing children to return to their own families, preparation of children for adoption placement, and sometimes offering permanent care to children.

The need for foster homes for older children continues to be a concern. Specialized foster families are being sought more often for children with special and demanding needs.

Family Skills Program

This program, which began in 1979, continues to teach parenting skills, budgeting, nutritional needs, and household management to families who need assistance with the quality of care their children are receiving. Presently the agency employs two experienced family skills workers. This supportive program often prevents children from having to come into the care of the agency. Fifty families were serviced during fiscal 1987/88. The Department of Community Services finances 75% of this program; the remainder comes from agency fundraising efforts and municipal support.

Prevention Services

The agency has been offering a 10-week course called "Systematic Training in Effective Parenting" (STEP) as an educational service to our foster and adoptive parents and as a prevention tool. One course was offered in the fall of 1987, and in the spring of 1988 our first STEP-Teen Program took place and was highly successful.

Hants District Office

Lubin G. Bourque, R.S.W., District Supervisor
Joyce L. Kerr, Senior Caseworker

The Hants District Office, with its 11 staff, occupies the Fred Blenkhorne Building at Curry's Corner, located within the Town of Windsor. The Blenkhorne Building was officially opened on November 24, 1987, and was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Fred Blenkhorne, who was well known in the local community as a municipal councillor and a member of the board of the Family and Children's Services of Hants County.

With a staff of 48, housed in three buildings in Windsor, the Department of Community Services and the Family and Children's Services of Hants County, through a joint-service agreement, provide community programs for the approximately 36,000 residents of Hants County.

Family Benefits Program

On average, approximately 750 Family Benefits recipients are served by two caseworkers. Assistance is given to disabled people, single mothers with dependent children, disabled fathers with dependent children, and foster parents. These workers also help process applications for Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs.

Day Care Services

Family Benefits personnel process all applications for day care subsidization, licensing procedures for new day care centres, and yearly assessments of all day care centres in the area.

The Department of Community Services subsidizes a day care centre within the Town of Windsor. This centre is a registered facility for 45 preschool children; 30 subsidized seats are available for those who qualify for assistance.

Municipal Social Services Program

Municipal Social Services has two main components: General Assistance, which is normally short-term assistance; and assistance for residents in Homes for Special Care. Four municipal caseworkers are employed at this office, providing services to five municipal units: East Hants, West Hants, Windsor, Hantsport and Wolfville. The General Assistance caseload averages 300 people per month. The Homes for Special Care caseload averages 210 per month.

During the past year, a Job Finders Club, sponsored by the Municipality of the District of West Hants, was established to assist individuals in locating suitable employment. The project proved to be successful in that 50-60% of those who participated in the program were able to secure employment.

Adult Protection Services

Under the new Adult Protection Act, adults can be given service if they are victims of abuse or neglect or if they are unable to care for themselves by reason of physical disability or mental infirmity.

A caseworker in adult protection based in Kentville is responsible for the administration of the Act in Hants County. In addition, three Municipal Social Services staff and the District Supervisor are designates under the Act.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services are provided half time by a rehabilitation counsellor from this office to approximately 40 people in Hants County who may possess a variety of social, physical and psychological handicaps. The thrust of this program is to assist individuals in need, 16 years of age and older, to develop occupational skills that will help them to take their place in society.

The counsellor based in the Hants District Office also provides rehabilitation services on a half-time basis to the district office in Lower Sackville.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided to approximately 200 recipients each month in Hants County and are sponsored by the four municipal units in the county. Homemakers Services is administered by a co-ordinator and is supervised by the Hants District Supervisor. The services are provided by 23 full- and part-time homemakers, and the program is geared primarily to the needs of seniors and the disabled.

Seniors Information Line: 798-8323

Seniors can have questions answered from Monday to Friday on a wide variety of issues, including social, economic, educational or recreational concerns. The contact person offers a direct answer or connects the caller with an appropriate source.

Meals on Wheels

Meals on Wheels is a volunteer organization that provides nourishing noon meals to individuals having difficulty preparing their own.

Recipients may be convalescent, disabled or chronically ill. Referrals are accepted from social agencies, ministers, relatives, friends and the individuals themselves.

Snow-Shovelling Team

A volunteer snow-shovelling team was organized for the past four winters and provided snow removal for seniors having difficulty shovelling their own walkways and doorsteps. Students were matched with seniors in their area.

Family Court, Windsor and Shubenacadie

Two Family Court Judges sit in Hants County: one in Windsor and one in Shubenacadie. The majority of cases coming before the Court are under the following Acts: the Children's Services Act, Young Offenders Act, Family Maintenance Act, Adult Protection Act, and Infants' Custody Act.

A Youth Court worker and court reporter are based within the Hants District Office.

Enforcement services for both Courts are provided from outside Hants County.

Family and Children's Services of Hants County

Lubin G. Bourque, R.S.W., Executive Director
P. Neil Kennedy, M.S.W., Casework Supervisor

Family and Children's Services of Hants County is a private child-protection agency, with a board of directors drawn from throughout the county. The agency was established in 1913 as the Children's Aid Society of West Hants and provided child welfare services to West Hants and the County of Kings. From its humble beginning, Family and Children's Services of Hants County has grown to include 16 staff members who provide services for a population of more than 36,000 people in Hants County.

Child Protection and Family Care Services

Three social workers provide services to families throughout Hants County, including the Indian Brook Reserve at Shubenacadie. With the establishment of the Micmac Family and Children's Services of Nova Scotia, it is expected that total services to the Indian Brook Reserve will be provided by the Micmac agency on or about April 1, 1989.

During the past year, the number of families counselled by protection services staff totalled 318, with 532 children involved.

Foster Care Services

Foster Care Services provides both short-term and long-term substitute family care for children who are unable to remain in their own homes.

Agency staff recruit and select prospective foster parents through a series of group meetings and individual interviews. The agency has 48 approved foster homes for placement of children and adolescents.

Adoption Services

Adoption is a process by which a legal relationship of parent and child is established between persons who are not related by birth. Children are placed through the agency with adoptive parents who have been thoroughly screened prior to placement. The agency also processes and supervises a number of nonagency adoptions. Last year, three children were placed for adoption with families in Hants County, and 19 nonagency adoptions were handled by staff.

Services to Single Parents

Supportive guidance and confidential, free counselling is offered to unmarried parents who require help in planning for their expected child. During the past year, there were 12 referrals of single parents requesting assistance in planning for their infant children.

Children in Care and Custody

The agency provides for the care of children who are unable to remain at home with their original parents. Last year, 12 children came into the care and custody of the agency, and three children left the agency's auspices. At year's end, the agency was responsible for 44 children in care.

Family Support Program

Family support staff provide practical support and guidance to families who experience child-related difficulties. These practical services are offered in conjunction with those of the social workers involved and focus on child care, budgeting with a limited income, planning nutritious meals, child management, and effective use of community resources. Families are selected for this program on the basis of their needs and willingness to accept additional services from the agency. Currently, one staff member is employed in this program.

Windsor Group Home

The agency operates a Group Home for adolescent boys that was established in 1977. Located in the Town of Windsor, the home accommodates six youths and is staffed by four Group Home counsellors.

On November 30, 1987, a Group Home supervisor was hired. This new position provides the Group Home with an on-site supervisor and the opportunity for a much-needed re-evaluation of its purposes, policies and goals.

Often the Group Home is maintained at full capacity. However, during this past year, 15 boys were admitted to the home and 13 boys were discharged, leaving six at year's end.

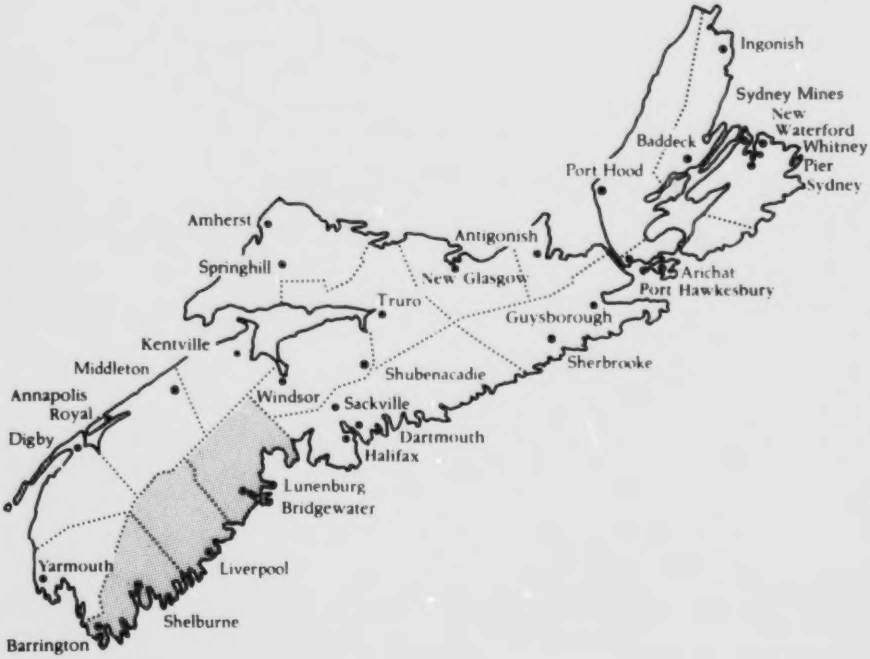
Hants County Christmas Daddies Show

The agency has conducted its own Christmas Daddies Show since 1977. Utilizing local cable television and radio, the program has a distinct local flavour. The organization of the show requires many volunteers, and there has been considerable commitment and support from the community.

The 1987 Christmas Daddies Show was a resounding success, with actual donations exceeding the amount pledged by 110%, and approximately $23,000 was raised. Together with proceeds from the mainland Nova Scotia Christmas Daddies Show, 762 Hants County children were able to have a better Christmas.

Regional Offices

South Shore Region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South Shore Regional Office

Patrick Lachance, M.S.W., Regional Administrator

In 1987 the Queens District Office was redesignated as the South Shore Regional Office covering Queens, Lunenburg and Shelburne counties. The office is presently located at 43 Carten Street in Liverpool but will be vacating these premises early in the fall of 1988 to occupy space in the new Family and Children's Services Building presently under construction. The South Shore Regional Office is accountable for various services to approximately 13,000 residents.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Department of Community Services, in accordance with a contractual arrangement with both the Town of Liverpool and the Municipality of the County of Queens, delivers the Municipal Social Services Program in three major components: General Assistance, Homes for Special Care, and the In-Home Life Support Program. The program is administered by two full-time social service workers and one accounting clerk.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides assistance to approximately 350 recipients under the direction of one field worker. Assistance is provided to disabled people, single parents with dependent children, disabled persons with dependant children, and foster parents. Assistance is also provided to applicants under the Senior Citizens Financial Aid Programs.

Rehabilitation and Single Parent Programs

Both programs are delivered to Queens County from workers at the Lunenburg District Office and provide services to assist individuals in becoming self-sufficient.

Young Offender and Court Services

This program, including enforcement, continues to be delivered to Queens County from one worker at the Lunenburg District Office.

Family and Children's Services of Queens County

Patrick M. Lachance, M.S.W., Executive Director

Family and Children's Services of Queens County is responsible for children's legislated services in Queens County. The agency is in its 21st year of joint service and its 63rd year of incorporation. It has a 15-member board which represents all regions of the Municipality of Queens County. The board has been very active over the past year organizing the development of new quarters for the agency which are expected to become available in the fall of 1988.

Child Protection Services

The agency saw a 36% growth in overall cases in fiscal 1987/88. However, the emphasis is in the area of adolesence at the intake and ward levels.

Foster Child Supervision

Currently 29 children are in care of the agency. The foster-parent recruitment program has resulted in an increase from 9 foster homes to 13.

Homemakers Services

The Homemakers Services Program at the agency is entering its eleventh year of operation. We currently have a staff of 10, and an agency worker supervises the program. This year we increased our hours of service by 3% and increased our residents receiving service by 3% which indicates the greater demand for Homemakers Services.

Queens Association for Early Childhood Intervention

The agency continues its funding of this program, which meets the needs of physical and handicapped children from birth to age 5.

Family Counselling

The agency is now involved in family counselling on an intermittent basis, and we hope to broaden this service in the future.

Family Court, Liverpool

Family Court continues to be held by a circuit judge who sits in Liverpool one day per week.

Lunenburg District Office

Michael K. Johnson, M.S.W., District Supervisor

The Lunenburg District Office serves the towns of Bridgewater, Lunenburg, Mahone Bay and the municipalities of the districts of Lunenburg and Chester. The office is located in the Provincial Building, Suite 105, 99 High Street, in Bridgewater.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides financial assistance to approximately 1,000 recipients. There are two field staff for this program, and 288 applications were processed, with 176 eligible for Family Benefits over the last fiscal year.

Municipal Social Services

Municipal Social Services are provided through a contractual arrangement between the Department of Community Services and the five municipal units of Lunenburg County. A joint social services committee with representation from each of the five municipal councils provides harmony in policymaking. Three permanent social service workers and one casual worker provide General Assistance services and placement in Homes for Special Care for eligible persons.

The General Assistance program includes financial aid to needy persons, community residence services and supervised apartments for the mentally handicapped, and Homemakers Services and the In-Home Support Program for senior citizens and disabled persons.

Homes for Special Care include residential care facilities, Group Homes, Nursing Homes, Homes for the Aged and Adult Residential Centres. At present, approximately 340 persons are maintained in these Homes by the five municipal units of Lunenburg County.

Rehabilitation Services

The Vocational Rehabilitation Services for Disabled Persons Program offers vocational assessment and counselling services to disabled Nova Scotians. The following services are offered: assessment, rehabilitation counselling, technical aids, training, and assistance with job placements. One rehabilitation worker provides rehabilitation services to Lunenburg and Queens counties. The main objective is to train or retrain individuals who are vocationally handicapped. The active caseload on March 31, 1988, was 71 cases—27 training on the job or in institutional training programs, 15 employed in some capacity, and 29 at some stage in rehabilitation planning or awaiting training.

Single Parent Program

The Career Planning with Single Parents Program provides service to single parents in receipt of Family Benefits. The vocational worker is responsible for Lunenburg, Queens and Kings counties.

The services provided include vocational assessment, individual and group counselling, formulation of an individualized vocational plan, and identification of and referral to community resources, training/educational opportunities, funding sources, and assistance for job-searching and placement.

As of March 1988 there were 108 active cases in the region. The majority were involved in full- or part-time education/training programs. Others were employed, doing vocational planning, or job-searching. Approximately 20 were considered to be new referrals and just beginning their involvement in the single-parent program.

Day Care Services

The Department of Community Services subsidizes a day care centre in Bridgewater and another in Lunenburg. These day care services are for preschoolers, and as of the close of the fiscal year there were 100 subsidized families. Inspections of 23 nursery schools in Lunenburg and Queens counties are also handled by the Lunenburg District Office.

Adult Protection Services

During the last quarter of the 1987/88 fiscal year, 51 new referrals were made for services to adults.

Youth Court, Lunenburg and Liverpool

The Youth Court is held in Lunenburg Town and Liverpool, and one probation officer serves both Lunenburg and Queens counties. There were 170 hearings during the year, and the number of youth on probation on March 31, 1988, was 30. In Lunenburg County, collections under the Family Maintenance Act amounted to $625,854.77 for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1988.

Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County

Michael K. Johnston, M.S.W., Executive Director

Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County, formerly known as the Children's Aid Society of Lunenburg County, has been in existence since 1941. The office is located at Suite 105, Provincial Building, 99 High Street, in Bridgewater. The agency shares office space and administration with the Department of Community Services under a joint-service agreement.

Family and Children's Services provides the following services to the community:

- child protection services
- services to children in care and custody
- foster homes
- counselling to single parents
- Adoption Services (agency and private)
- Homemakers Services, and
- family and marital counselling.

Our staff, consisting of six social workers, one family therapist and a homemaker co-ordinator, have experienced increases in all areas of the caseload.

The agency's child-protection caseload stands at 237, with 68 being child abuse cases. Twenty-eight children were taken into care under the Children's Services Act during the year, and 30 children were placed in foster care under voluntary care agreements. In the adoption program, 12 agency adoption placements were completed and 22 private adoptions were processed. Our family therapist provided counselling services to 161 families, couples or individuals during the past year. The visiting and teaching homemakers provided 18,694 hours of service to 223 families.

Shelburne District Office

Raymond G. Harris, District Supervisor

The Shelburne District Office is a joint-services office serving both the Department of Community Services and the Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County. The Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County was organized April 29, 1930. Shelburne County had the first joint-services office in Nova Scotia. The idea behind joint services is that one person will supervise both agency and Department programs.

The Department of Community Services staff are responsible for delivery of service to the Family Benefits Program, Municipal Assistance Program, Rehabilitation Program, Homemakers Services, Single Parent Program, Adult Protection and Day Care Services.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides long-term financial assistance to an average 360 cases who are either disabled, single parents, foster parents, or spouses of prisoners.

Single Parent Program

The single-parent caseload is presently eight. This program allows financial assistance for single mothers to participate in training or employment. During the preceding year, five mothers were successful in obtaining at least part-time employment.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services provides vocational counselling and in some cases financial assistance to handicapped adults to attend training. The present caseload is 19. One client is attending university, and three are in vocational school.

Day Care Services

Our responsibility with day care is to determine eligibility for subsidized day care and to recommend licensing of private day care centres. Presently, we have 10 subsidized seats and three private day care centres.

Services for Seniors

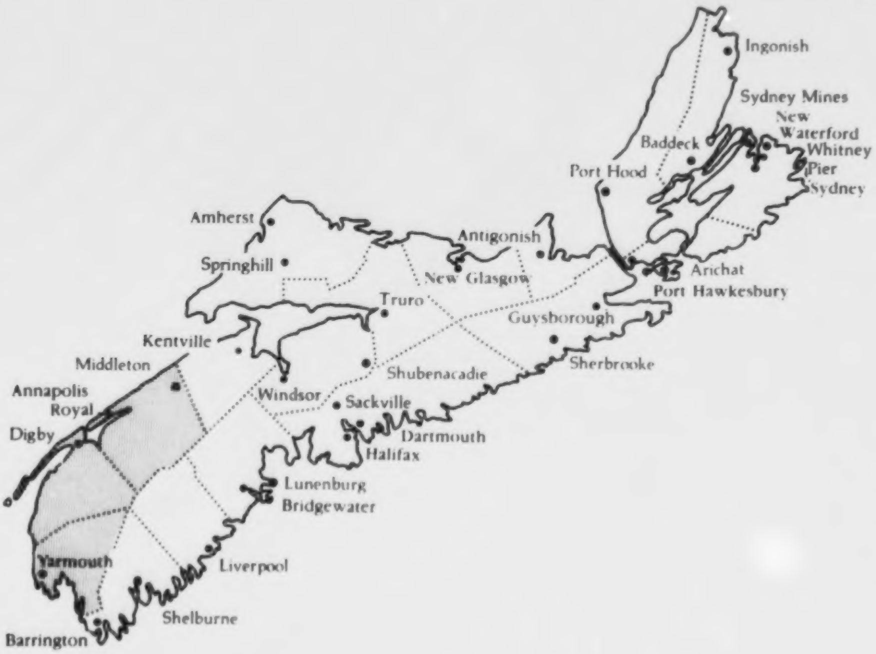
Assistance is also provided to seniors with referrals, completion of applications and follow-up in the financial aid programs for seniors and the income security programs.

The above programs are administered by Mr. Don Archer, Community Services Worker, with assistance from Mr. Karl White, Casual Community Services Worker.

Municipal Assistance and Other Programs

The Municipal Assistance Program is administered by the Department of Community Services on a contractual basis with the towns of Lockeport, Shelburne and Clarks Harbour and the municipalities of the District of Barrington and the District of Shelburne. The five municipal units have a joint social service committee responsible for policy, and the Municipal Social Services worker, Miss Barbara Acker, is responsible for administration. The Homemakers Services Program is presently carrying a caseload of 120 cases. Our General Assistance caseload for the county averages 25, and the Home for Special Care averages 160.

Regional Offices
Western Region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Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County

Raymond G. Harris, Executive Director

The Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County provides the following services:

- protection services
- adoption services
- foster care
- unmarried mother services
- family counselling
- family support services, and
- other services, such as custody reports, out-of-province requests, and services to the mentally handicapped.

At present the agency has 45 children in care. During the past year, 18 children were placed in care either under Family Court order or through voluntary care. The agency has a child protection caseload of 66.

Our Receiving Home presently has five residents. This home is available for children coming into care on a short-term basis while an assessment and recommendation is made for more permanent plans.

The board of directors of the Children's Aid Society has been active for several years in its support for a sheltered workshop for the mentally handicapped and for the development of policies and strategies in tune with local community needs.

Western Regional Office

Douglas G. Raymond, R.S.W., Regional Administrator
Michael J. Kendrick, B.A., M.S.W., M.Th.
Assistant Regional Administrator

The Western Region encompasses Yarmouth, Digby and Annapolis counties. The regional office is located in Yarmouth, with district offices in Digby and Annapolis Royal. The regional administrator is responsible for program development, co-ordination and supervision, and the operation of both the regional and district offices.

Three persons were employed through the provincial employment program at the Western Regional Office during the 12-month period ending March 31, 1988. One individual served as case aide for the provincial Family Benefits Program and the Municipal Social Services Program, one provided clerical services to these programs and one provided labour services to a Home for Special Care.

The Western Regional Office is accountable for program delivery to a population of approximately 24,000 people within the County of Yarmouth.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program has two caseworkers who help individuals apply for financial assistance. Personal and financial data are validated and reported in writing to the Family Benefits Division in Halifax, enabling the Director of Family Benefits to determine eligibility. Annual reviews and changes in the financial status of clients are carried out by social service workers, who have a combined caseload of about 883 clients.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services for the counties of Yarmouth and Digby are provided by one caseworker. Another caseworker provides counselling services to single parents in Digby, Yarmouth and Annapolis counties.

Municipal Social Services Program

The Municipal Social Services Program is provided on a contractual basis between the Minister of Community Services and the Town of Yarmouth, the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth, and the Municipality of the District of Argyle. The three caseworkers responsible for this program provide assistance to clients applying for short-term financial aid and placement in Homes for Special Care. Personal, financial and social data are collected and assessed by these staff members to determine eligibility.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers Services are provided under the Municipal Social Services Program to the elderly and disabled throughout the County of Yarmouth. Supervised by Department staff, homemakers are employees of the municipalities. Six full-time and 21 part-time homemakers comprise the staff, with direct supervision provided by a co-ordinator.

Family Court, Yarmouth

The Family Court has its offices in Yarmouth, with circuit courtroom facilities located in Digby, Barrington and Shelburne. A court supervisor is responsible for staff involved in programs relating to maintenance collection and enforcement, the Young Offenders Act and the other statutes over which the Family Court has jurisdiction.

Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County

Douglas G. Raymond, R.S.W., Executive Director

Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County, formerly the Children's Aid Society of Yarmouth County, is a private child-caring agency with a board of 25 directors selected from the Yarmouth area. It has been in existence since 1913 and now provides services to a population base of 27,022. Those services include:

- child protection
- services to children in care and custody
- adoptions (agency and private)
- foster home finding
- services to unmarried mothers
- family counselling
- home assessments and Court reports, and
- the Residential Centre at Hebron.

The agency presently has five field staff, a case aide, secretary, bookkeeper, switchboard operator, casework supervisor, and director. During the summer of 1987 the agency was fortunate to employ a university student under the federal Challenge '87 Program. There was one staff change during the year which necessitated a realignment of duties and caseloads.

Child Protection Services

The child protection program was carried by three field workers and an intake worker. There was an increase in the protection investigation workload during the year, as 202 cases were opened and 183 were closed. The number of apprehensions, 12 for the year, was an increase over last year's figure, and the number of voluntary care arrangements, 34, was down from last year.

The fiscal year was a time of training for staff, and many of the staff took advantage of workshops, seminars and training sessions to sharpen their skills.

Children in Court Custody

During its years of operation, 890 children have been committed to the care and custody of the agency. At the end of the fiscal year, 45 children remained in custody, a decrease of 10 children from the previous year. The majority of these children remaining in care were between the ages of 10 and 20. Goal-planning continued to play a major role, and each child's placement needs were assessed on a regular basis.

Foster Homes

Foster parents in the area resurrected an association in the fall of the year. A banquet was given in their honour during National Foster Family Week, at which time appreciation certificates were presented to foster parents for their years of service.

Thirty-two foster care inquiries were made during the year and seven home studies were completed and approved. At the end of the fiscal year the agency had 44 homes, 28 in use.

Adoption Services

During fiscal 1987/88, 17 agency adoption inquiries were received, along with nine private adoption inquiries. At the end of the year, 24 agency applicants were awaiting evaluation. Only six children were placed in adoption homes during the year.

Services to Unmarried Mothers

This program has diminished drastically during the past two years. It appears that even though there are many single mothers in the area, most are deciding to keep their children and are not seeking counselling from the agency. During the fiscal year the agency did not receive any referrals for this purpose. The two carry-over cases from the previous year were closed.

Family Counselling Services

Agency staff continue to provide support and counselling of an intermediate nature to clients where necessary. They refer cases largely to the professional counselling services offered at the Bertha Churchill Clinic, Yarmouth Regional Hospital, and refer the psychological assessments to private practitioners in the area.

Home Studies and Court Reports

From time to time the agency is asked to complete reports concerning children entering facilities for the mentally handicapped, or to prepare custody reports in custody matters. These services are offered as supplements and are completed when time permits. Custody reports requested from the Family Court are now prepared by one worker after regular working hours.

Residential Centre

This facility, located at Hebron, Yarmouth County, has been in operation since August 1974. Under the direction of the board of directors of Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County, the seven counsellors, housemother, stenographer and director endeavour to provide a comprehensive program for the 12 children placed under their care.

At any given time the centre has accommodated four girls and eight boys. At the end of the fiscal year the occupancy rate was nine boys and three girls. Nine admissions were made to the centre during the year, and 8 discharges took place.

Children are placed here as a result of behavioural problems or emotional difficulties. They attend schools in the area and are kept busy with extracurricular activities, such as programs offered at the Y.M.C.A. and trips conducted by staff.

Digby District Office

G. Greg Wiseman, District Supervisor

The Digby District Office is located on Warwick Street in the Town of Digby and serves the entire population of Digby County. Its staff offers program services in both English and French.

Municipal Social Services Program

Municipal Social Services are provided on a contractual basis with the three municipal units in the county. The program is administered by one part-time and two full-time caseworkers. One full-time worker and one part-time worker serve the Municipality of the District of Digby and the Town of Digby, while one full-time worker provides services to the Municipality of the District of Clare. The program provides financial assistance to individuals determined to be in need. This includes individuals in a community residence program, services to people seeking admission to a Home for Special Care, and the In-Home Support Program, where assistance is granted to seniors and disabled people remaining in their home through the support they receive from relatives.

Family Benefits Program

The Family Benefits Program provides financial assistance, usually of a prolonged nature, to disabled individuals, disabled fathers and/or disabled mothers with dependent children, unmarried mothers and fathers with dependent children, deserted mothers and fathers with dependent children, aged people, and foster parents.

The program is administered by two caseworkers. One worker is responsible for services to the Town of Digby and the Municipality of the District of Digby, the other worker serves the residents of the Municipality of the District of Clare, where they also complete day care subsidy applications from parents whose children attend La Garderie Familiale de Clare (Clare Family Day Care).

The workers in this program process and also handle all home-improvement loan requests from program recipients and process applications for Senior Citizen Financial Aid Programs.

Rehabilitation Services

Rehabilitation Services (which includes vocational rehabilitation services for single parents) are provided by two caseworkers from the Western Regional Office in Yarmouth. These workers are in the Digby office on an average of one day each week.

Family and Children's Services

This program involves supervising and providing services to children in care and custody, foster home recruitment, child protection, family support services, counselling to unmarried mothers and single parents, adoptions, and the preparation of court-ordered custody reports. The program's workers are also instrumental in arranging for needy children from the area to attend the Department's summer Camp Hilles at Paradise, Annapolis County.

One of the workers conducts reviews for the purpose of licensing the many day care centres throughout the county.

Adult Protection Services

Since the proclamation of the Adult Protection Act on January 6, 1986, the office investigates reports to determine if an adult is in need of protection. The new legislation and this program are specifically designed to provide help and offer services to elderly, disabled and/or mentally infirm persons incapable of protecting themselves from abuse or neglect. A recognized adult protection worker situated in Kentville services the Digby area in concert with five district office staff who have received designations to perform certain duties under this legislation.

Homemakers Services

Homemakers provide support and help to elderly and disabled citizens and teach and practice homemaking skills with multi-problem families. The homemakers and homemaker co-ordinator, who are supervised by the Digby office's Youth Court worker, are employees of the municipalities they serve. Two serve the Town of Digby, four and one-half serve the Municipality of the District of Digby, and four serve the Municipality of the District of Clare.

Youth Court/Family Court

The Young Offender and Family Court Services Program for Digby and Annapolis counties is administered by a Youth Court worker who provides services to youths who appear before the Family Court under the Young Offenders Act, the Education Act, and the Summary Proceedings Act against Young Persons. The Youth Court worker attends Youth Court in Digby on the second Tuesday of each month for Annapolis County, and on the third Thursday of each month in

Middleton. Family Court sits in Clare up to two days a month and sits in Digby on Tuesday of each week.

Other services associated with the Youth Court are the Alternative Measures Program, the Community Service Orders Program, and the Volunteer Services Program. Those related Youth Court services are provided for Digby County by the Southwest Alternative Measures Program Association situated in Yarmouth, and for Annapolis County by the Community Development Project situated in Kentville.

Annapolis District Office

Donald Lefurgey, District Supervisor

The Annapolis District Office is located in the Municipal Building in Annapolis Royal, where two Family Benefits caseworkers provide services for a county-wide population of 23,589. The Family Benefits caseload at the end of 1987-88 was 613.

In addition, workers are involved in housing programs, supervision and annual revisions of day care centres in the county, appeals for social assistance, and investigations of adult abuse or neglect referrals.

Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County

Donald Lefurgey, Executive Director

Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County, located in the Municipal Building in Annapolis Royal, employs five social workers to provide mandated services for the protection of children, foster care, unmarried mother services, and adoption services. Marriage and family counselling is offered by a part-time worker. Homemakers Services is also overseen by the Annapolis agency.

Protection Services

One hundred and fifty-nine referrals of abuse and/or neglect were investigated by the protection staff. Ten persons were removed from their homes, six of them teenagers, and eventually came into the care and custody of the agency. One case was dismissed, while three others were still before the court at year-end.

Much time has been spent developing protocols with the school board, the RCMP and the local police, with whom the agency continued to have good working relationships.

Children in Care and Custody

During the 1987-88 fiscal year, nine children came into the care and custody of the agency, seven of whom were teenagers. Seven children had their care and custody terminated, all reaching the age of majority. The fiscal year ended with 50 children in care and custody, 35 of whom are over the age of 15.

Adoption Services

The agency's adoption program was very slow during 1987-88, with no new adoption placements being made. Four adoptions initiated during the previous year were finalized during 1987-88. No new adoption applications are being accepted as so few children are available for adoption. New private adoptions numbered seven, with four being finalized during the year.

Services to Unmarried Mothers

The agency received five new unmarried mother referrals during the year. A total of eight unmarried mothers received counselling. None of these mothers placed their children for adoption. The agency continues to provide counselling and support to these young mothers to assist them in promoting a healthy environment for their children.

Foster Care

Fifteen new foster home applications were received during the year, and several others were processed and re-evaluated. The demand continues to grow for good homes for teens.

Marriage and Family Counselling

The part-time marriage and family counsellor received 52 new referrals during the fiscal year, almost a 50% increase over the previous year. The counsellor is actively involved with the local Sexual Abuse

Survivors Anonymous (SASA) group and has also started to lead a prenatal session at the Annapolis Hospital on adjustment to family life. This is an attempt to promote preventive care for new families.

Homemakers Services

The homemaker program continues to grow, as services in 1987-88 increased by over 1,200 hours. Many referrals are now coming from hospitals and doctors. A federal grant received by the homemaker agency enabled eight people to be trained for the home care field.

Table 36

Regional and District Offices and the Family Court

By County

CAPE BRETON REGION — Cape Breton, Richmond, Victoria and Inverness counties
Regional Office — Sydney
District Office — Port Hawkesbury
Sub-Offices — New Waterford, Sydney Mines, North Sydney
Family Court — Sydney (serving the Cape Breton Region)

NORTH SHORE REGION — Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou counties
Regional Office — New Glasgow
District Offices — Antigonish, Guysborough
Family Court — New Glasgow (serving Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou counties)

HALIFAX REGION — Halifax County
Regional Office — Halifax
District Offices — Dartmouth, Sackville
Family Courts — Halifax (serving City of Halifax and part of Halifax County)
— Dartmouth (serving City of Dartmouth and part of Halifax County)

VALLEY REGION — Kings and Hants counties
Regional Office — Kentville
District Office — Windsor
Family Court — Kentville (serving the Valley Region)

WESTERN REGION — Annapolis, Digby and Yarmouth counties
Regional Office — Yarmouth
District Offices — Digby, Annapolis Royal
Family Court — Yarmouth (serving the Western Region)

CENTRAL REGION — Colchester and Cumberland counties
Regional Office — Truro
District Office — Amherst
Sub-Office — Springhill
Family Courts — Amherst (serving Cumberland County)
— Truro (serving Colchester County)

(Table 36 continued)

SOUTH SHORE REGION — Lunenburg, Queens and Shelburne counties
Regional Office — Liverpool
District Offices — Bridgewater, Barrington
Family Court — Lunenburg (serving South Shore Region)

Table 37

Personnel in the Seven Regions

March 31, 1988

	Cape Breton	Valley	Halifax	North Shore	Western	Central	South Shore	Total
Regional Administrator	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
Assistant Regional Administrator	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	2
District Supervisor	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	11
Casework Supervisor	3	2	6	2	1	—	—	14
Supervisor of Family Benefits Program	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Supervisor of the Family Court	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2
Senior Family Court Officer	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	3
Field Staff	36	15	69	22	19	12	14	187
Clerical Staff	23	11	37	14	9	9	9	112
Total Field Staff								340

Financial Services Division

Arnold R. Jones, Director

Fiscal Planning and Control

Clem Hennebury, B.Comm., Co-ordinator

The Co-ordinator is responsible for preparing the departmental budget and supervising its control throughout the year. Over recent years, budget preparation has become more complex; as a result, the Co-ordinator is responsible for training the line managers on all aspects of budget preparation and control.

Data Verification and Accounting

Roger Angevine, Supervisor

The Supervisor is responsible for developing and maintaining acceptable accounting procedures for the entire Department and for maintaining a constant review of the Department of Finance's computer programs to ensure that the most current and accurate expenditure information is available to senior management and all budget subject managers.

Claims, Contracts and Data Processing

George Collier, Supervisor

The Supervisor is responsible for the preparation of all claims for cost-sharing with the Government of Canada. This section is also responsible for the data entry of all expenditure and recovery items into the Department of Finance's computer, and for the production of monthly and special financial reports.

Administrative Services

Roger Whitman, Supervisor

The Supervisor is responsible for account and bank reconciliations, purchasing, inventory, equipment maintenance, incoming and outgoing mail, and the financial aspects of the three programs for senior citizens.

Financial Co-ordinator, Homes for Special Care

Brenda Murray, B.Comm., Co-ordinator

The Co-ordinator is responsible for the financial analysis necessary to establish a reasonable shareable per diem rate for all Homes for Special Care. At present there are over 220 such Homes.

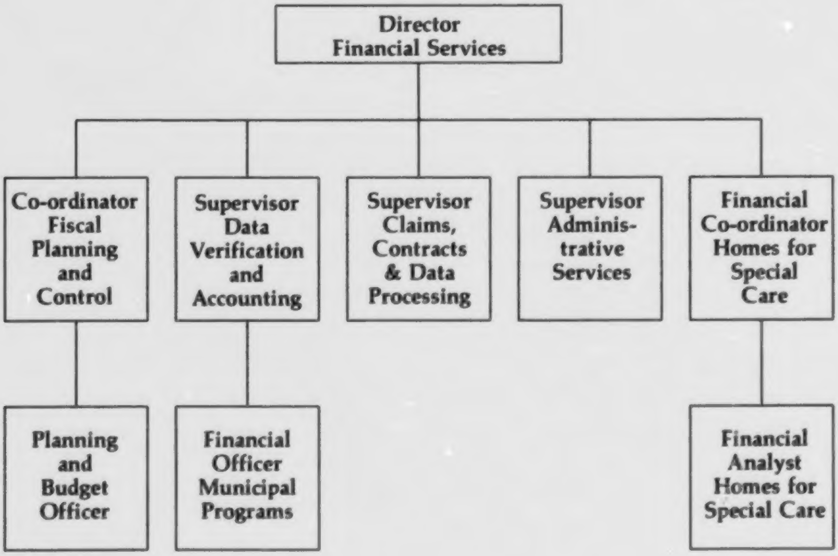
Mr. George Williams, Photocopy Services, and Mr. Don Johnson, Inventory Control Services

Mr. Roger Whitman, Supervisor of Administrative Services

Mr. Bob Gilliatt, Chief Clerk, Financial Services

ORGANIZATION CHART: FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

March 1988


Director Financial Services
Co-ordinator Fiscal Planning and Control
Supervisor Data Verification and Accounting
Supervisor Claims, Contracts & Data Processing
Supervisor Adminis-trative Services
Financial Co-ordinator Homes for Special Care
Planning and Budget Officer
Financial Officer Municipal Programs
Financial Analyst Homes for Special Care

The Financial Services Division provides the financial support services for the entire Department.

Financial Expenditures, 1987-88

Administration

HEAD OFFICE

Senior Management	532,909
Senior Citizens Secretariat	229,893
Family Court — Judicial	1,277,030
Direct Grants	2,497,261
Audit Services	336,163
Financial Services	1,854,447
Appeal Services	180,463
Staff Training	114,311
Total	7,022,477

HOME CARE	59,772

FIELD SERVICES — HEAD OFFICE

Administration	251,123
Psychological Services	183,194
Total	434,317

FIELD SERVICES — CAPE BRETON REGION

Administration	323,791
Rehabilitation Services	234,063
Family Benefits	909,001
Community Services	130,442
Municipal Contracts	147,190
Family Court Services	772,458
Total	2,516,945

FIELD SERVICES — NORTH SHORE REGION

Administration	563,096
Rehabilitation Services	150,549
Services for the Mentally Handicapped	—
Family Benefits	415,621
Community Services	52,900
Municipal Contracts	312,586
Family Court Services	777,174
Children's Services	176,388
Total	2,448,314

FIELD SERVICES — HALIFAX REGION

Administration	496,839
Rehabilitation Services	279,719
Family Benefits	896,371
Community Services	40,254
Family Court Services	1,095,471
Children's Services	1,395,670
Day Care Services	75,295
Total	4,279,619

FIELD SERVICES — CENTRAL REGION

Administration	466,099
Rehabilitation Services	157,501
Family Benefits	369,763
Municipal Contracts	391,033
Family Court Services	547,220
Total	1,931,616

FIELD SERVICES — WESTERN REGION

Administration	437,858
Rehabilitation Services	65,922
Family Benefits	292,325
Municipal Contracts	343,735
Family Court Services	259,387
Children's Services	136,575
Total	1,535,802
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	20,228,862

Family and Children's Services

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Administration	751,354
Maintenance — Foster Homes	3,806,739
Maintenance — Community Residential Facilities	2,739,839
Apprehension Costs	733,606
Voluntary Care	875,638
Payments to Children's Service Agencies	6,449,224
Payments to Private Agencies for Unmarried Mothers	618,012
Payments to Transition and Safe Houses	832,652
Total	16,807,064

NOVA SCOTIA RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

Administration	317,909
Operating and Maintenance	335,864
Academic/Vocational and Social Services	331,932
Daily Living Programs	788,503
Total	1,774,208

DAY CARE SERVICES

Administration	299,595
Payments to Child Development Centres	196,369
Day Care Subsidy	6,022,276
Total	6,518,240

HOMEMAKERS SERVICES

Administration	82,968
Homemakers Subsidy	3,248,330
Total	3,331,298

TOTAL FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES	28,430,810

Rehabilitation and Community Services

SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

Administration	661,952
Maintenance of Children in Foster Homes	246,827
Maintenance of Children in Nursing Homes	—
Adult Protection Services	196,841
Total	1,105,620

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Administration	165,351
Summer Programs	512,387
Total	677,738

REHABILITATION SERVICES

Administration	271,189
Payments to Rehabilitation Workshops	3,068,985
Payments to Work Activity Projects	1,273,430
Total	4,613,604

NOVA SCOTIA YOUTH TRAINING CENTRE

Administration	666,860
Operating and Maintenance	880,910
Daily Living Program	1,844,645
Academic/Vocational and Social Services	833,718
Total	4,226,133

CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — DARTMOUTH

Administration	231,881
Daily Living Programs	639,675
Operating and Maintenance	306,625
Total	1,178,181

CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — DIGBY

Administration	210,876
Daily Living Programs	521,784
Operating and Maintenance	283,890
Total	1,016,550

CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — PICTOU

Administration	248,904
Daily Living Program	529,970
Operating and Maintenance	284,387
Total	1,063,261

CHILDREN'S TRAINING CENTRE — SYDNEY

Administration	252,458
Daily Living Programs	766,603
Operating and Maintenance	328,460
Total	1,347,521

TOTAL REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	15,228,608

Young Offenders Administration

YOUNG OFFENDERS PROGRAMS

Administration	622,759
Maintenance of Children	396,271
Total	1,019,030

SHELBURNE YOUTH CENTRE

Administration	723,894
Operating and Maintenance	837,281
Academic/Vocational and Social Service	644,664
Daily Living Programs	1,427,199
Total	3,633,038

TOTAL YOUNG OFFENDERS ADMINISTRATION	4,652,068

Public Assistance

MUNICIPAL SOCIAL SERVICES

Administration	551,345
Payments for General Assistance	34,826,535
Payments for Residential Care Facilities	2,153,470
Payments for Nursing Homes	10,862,445
Payments for Homes for the Aged	19,003,032
Payments for Group Homes and Developmental Residences	2,910,809
Payments for Adult Residential Centres	6,637,529
Payments for Regional Rehabilitation Centres	14,073,675
Construction Assistance — Homes for Special Care	59,375
Payments for Municipal Administration	6,367,073
Payments for Civil/Family Legal Aid	1,182,000
Total	98,627,288

FAMILY BENEFITS

Administration	584,415
Family Benefits Review Board	76,339
Family Benefits Payments	124,088,355
Diabetic Assistance	253,692
Pharmacare Program	8,008,084
Total	133,010,885

SENIOR CITIZENS FINANCIAL AID

Administration	367,918
Rental Assistance for Senior Citizens	921,924
Property Tax Rebate for Senior Citizens	3,520,906
Special Social Assistance Payments	10,414,195
Total	15,224,943

TOTAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	246,863,116

Other Social Services

POLICY, PLANNING AND RESEARCH

Administration	410,996
Research Projects	139,375
Total	550,371

DATA PROCESSING SERVICES

Administration	531,337
Data Processing	4,254,535
Total	4,785,872

COMMUNITY SERVICES TRAINING PROGRAMS	141,397
INDIAN AFFAIRS	70,974
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SERVICES — DESIGN	1,031,553
NOVA SCOTIA SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL	20,879
NOVA SCOTIA SENIOR CITIZENS' COMMISSION	27,507
TOTAL OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES	6,628,553
Total Department	322,032,017

Ordinary Recovery Detail

ADMINISTRATION

Government of Canada	6,491,799
Municipalities	453,389
Other	350,466
Total	7,295,654

FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Government of Canada	14,819,191
Municipalities	464,372
Other Provinces	464
Total	15,284,027

REHABILITATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES	
Government of Canada	7,647,551
Municipalities	140,438
Total	7,787,989
YOUNG OFFENDERS ADMINISTRATION	
Government of Canada	8,748
Other Provinces	119,740
Total	128,488
PUBLIC ASSISTANCE	
Government of Canada	102,470,796
OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES	
Government of Canada	3,722,897
TOTAL ORDINARY RECOVERIES	136,689,851

Community Services

Audit Services Division

G.W. Hudson, C.A., B.B.A., Director

The Audit Services Division is responsible for providing assistance to departmental personnel to ensure that public funds are expended with due regard to economy and efficiency. This responsibility is discharged by applying traditional auditing techniques to the accounting and operating records generated by departmental personnel and preparing reports to the responsible managers and the Deputy Minister with findings and recommendations.

These auditing techniques are also used to determine whether or not funds provided to other agencies, Homes for Special Care and municipal units are in accordance with applicable legislation and agreements. Reports arising from these audits are also provided to responsible program personnel and the Deputy Minister. The Division conducts audits at Head Office and at field and agency offices throughout the province. Five auditors and one support person assist the Supervisor and Director of the Audit Services Division in the conduct of these audits.

During fiscal 1987/88 the Division issued over 190 audit reports, covering the gamut of departmental programs. Included were audits of the 13 children's aid societies and family and children's service agencies. The more extensive audit procedures of the past few years and the

Staff of Audit Services

revision and standardization of the financial statement format used by most of the agencies resulted in less audit time being required this year, allowing more time for audits of other programs.

In fiscal 1987/88 the Division made major use of its new personal computer and realized significant benefits in the areas of word-processing, assistance to agencies with computers, audits of data on the mainframe, and exposing staff to computerized audit and data-processing techniques.

An additional benefit from an administrative perspective was the use of the computer to compile and analyze scheduling and time-report data. Information gained enables us to:

- control the scope and extent of audits by comparing the planned audit emphasis with the perceived risk for each potential audit in the Department,
- plan audits by major category by controlling the relative audit emphasis in relation to the significance of the program's expenditures in the Department's total expenditures, and
- schedule audits by area, time control, and assorted other features of a day-to-day administrative nature.

A statistical summary of the audit reports produced in fiscal 1987/88 is as follows:

	No. of Audits	Audit Time (Days)
Adult Service Centres/Workshops	30	105
Children's Aid Societies	13	171
Day Care Centres	5	14
Family Benefits	10	121
Family Courts	6	61
Grants	7	116
Homemakers	39	82
Municipal Assistance Programs	33	108
Seniors Programs	3	30
Special Investigations/Reviews	6	55
Trust Accounts—Homes for Special Care	33	81
Other	7	54
Total	192	998

The financial and systems expertise acquired by the staff of the Division is utilized by the Department in matters not directly related to audit, examples of which follow:

- The Director is continuing to serve on the project steering and working committees of the Family Court computerization project and on a subcommittee of the Joint Review Committee considering the revision of policy for rate-setting for Homes for Special Care.
- The Supervisor is a member of the board of the Preston Area Housing Fund and serves as its treasurer and chief financial officer.
- The Supervisor also served on a committee established to develop a detailed plan and schedule for a pilot project to assess electronic funds transfers as an alternative method of payment for Family Benefits recipients.

Community Services

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Carolyn Best	Chief Appraisal Clerk
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Jane Phillips, B.A., M.L.S.	Librarian
Tom Conrad, B.Sc.	Director, Information Systems
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Diane McKinnon	Chief Clerk, Data Entry and Control

Field Services and Personnel Division

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Roger Whitman	Supervisor, Administrative Services
George Collier	Supervisor, Claims, Contracts and Data Processing
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Gordon MacMaster	District Supervisor Port Hawkesbury District Office Box 359 Provincial Building, MacSween Street Port Hawkesbury, N.S. B0E 2V0
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North Shore Region

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Central Region

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Children's Aid Societies

Family and Children's Services of Annapolis County

Annapolis Royal, N.S. B0S 1A0

Executive Director	Donald Lefurgey
President	Rev. Robert Matthews

Children's Aid Society of Cape Breton

Provincial Building
Sydney, N.S. B1P 5L1

Executive Director	F.A. "Sandy" Bowes
President	Marlene Lovett

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P.O. Box 950
Truro, N.S. B2N 5G7

Executive Director	Harvey J. MacArthur, M.S.W.
President	Betty Gruchy

Family and Children's Services of Cumberland County

Box 399
Amherst, N.S. B4H 3Z8

Executive Director	Don Russell, M.S.W.
President	David Dinault

Children's Aid Society of Halifax

5244 South Street
Halifax, N.S. B3J 1A4

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Family and Children's Services of Hants County

P.O. Box 99
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President	Wayne Pick

Children's Aid Society of Inverness-Richmond

P.O. Box 359
Port Hawkesbury, N.S. B0E 2B0

Executive Director	Gordon MacMaster
President	Doreen Beaton

Family and Children's Services of Kings County

P.O. Box 188
Kentville, N.S. B4N 3W7

Executive Director	Barry Costello, R.S.W.
President	Betty Hamilton

Family and Children's Services of Lunenburg County

P.O. Box 170
Bridgewater, N.S. B4B 2W8

Executive Director	Vacant
President	Jennifer Dhalla

Children's Aid Society of Pictou County

P.O. Box 488
New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 5E5

Executive Director	Cyril Reddy
President	Dr. Bill Tidmarsh

Family and Children's Services of Queens County

P.O. Box 1360
Liverpool, N.S. B0T 1K0

Executive Director	Donald A. Burns
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Children's Aid Society of Shelburne County

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Executive Director	Raymond G. Harris
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Family and Children's Services of Yarmouth County

P.O. Box 460
Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4B4

Executive Director	Douglas G. Raymond, R.S.W.
President	Rev. A.D. "Bill" Newell

Municipal Social Service Workers

(*Municipal units that do not have an office or a full-time social service worker and in which the provincial government does not share administrative costs but does share assistant costs at the rate of 66 2/3%.)

Cities

Dartmouth	Paul Greene Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 817 Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3Z3
Halifax	Harold Crowell Social Planner	City of Halifax P.O. Box 1749 Halifax, N.S. B3K 3A5
Sydney	James MacCormack Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 730 Sydney, N.S. B1P 6H7

Towns

Amherst	Beverley McQuarrie Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 471 Amherst, N.S. B4H 4A1
Annapolis Royal	Brian Taylor Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 100 Municipal Administration Building Annapolis Royal, N.S. B0S 1A0
Antigonish	L.A. Mills District Supervisor	Antigonish District Office P.O. Box 1450 Antigonish, N.S. B2G 2L7
Bedford	Ed Mason Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 300 Armdale, N.S. B3L 4K3
Berwick	Henry Bourgeois Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 100 Kentville, N.S. B4N 3W3
Bridgetown*	William F. Hamilton Clerk-Treasurer	P.O. Box 309 Bridgetown, N.S. B0S 1C0
Bridgewater	Vacant District Supervisor	Lunenburg District Office Suite 105, Provincial Building Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 1V8
Canso	Harold M. Roberts District Supervisor	P.O. Box 90 Chedabucto Mall Guysborough, N.S. B0H 1N0
Clarks Harbour	Raymond G. Harris District Supervisor	Shelburne District Office P.O. Box 9 Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0
Digby	Greg Wiseman District Supervisor	Digby District Office P.O. Box 399 Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0

Dominion	Vacant Social Service Worker	40 Duggan Street Dominion, N.S. B0A 1E0
Glace Bay	Gregory MacKenzie Director of Social Services	Town Hall 5 MacKeen Street Glace Bay, N.S. B1A 5B9
Hantsport	Lubin G. Bourque District Supervisor	P.O. Box 2350 Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0
Kentville	Henry Bourgeois Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 100 Kentville, N.S. B4N 3W3
Liverpool	Patrick Lachance Regional Administrator	South Shore Regional Office P.O. Box 1360 Liverpool, N.S. B0T 1K0
Lockeport	Raymond G. Harris District Supervisor	Shelburne District Office P.O. Box 9 Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0
Louisbourg*	Elaine MacPherson Clerk-Treasurer	P.O. Box 88 Louisbourg, N.S. B0A 1M0
Lunenburg	Vacant District Supervisor	Lunenburg District Office Suite 105, Provincial Building Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 1V8
Mahone Bay	Vacant District Supervisor	Lunenburg District Office Suite 105, Provincial Building Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 1V8
Middleton	Brian Taylor Director of Social Services	Municipal Administration Building P.O. Box 100 Annapolis Royal, N.S. B0S 1P0
Mulgrave	Harold M. Roberts District Supervisor	P.O. Box 90 Chedabucto Mall Guysborough, N.S. B0H 1N0
New Glasgow	Cyril Reddy Regional Administrator	North Shore Regional Office P.O. Box 488 New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 5E5
New Waterford	Michael Kelly Director of Social Services	3371 Plummer Avenue New Waterford, N.S. B1H 1Y8
North Sydney	Keith MacMillan Social Service Worker	262 Commercial Street Box 369 North Sydney, N.S. B2A 3M4
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Pictou	Cyril Reddy Regional Administrator	North Shore Regional Office P.O. Box 488 New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 5E5
Port Hawkesbury	Gordon MacMaster District Supervisor	P.O. Box 359 Port Hawkesbury, N.S. B0E 2V0
Shelburne	Raymond G. Harris District Supervisor	Shelburne District Office P.O. Box 9 Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0
Springhill	Beverly MacLeod Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 2549 Springhill, N.S. B0M 1X0
Stellarton	Cyril Reddy Regional Administrator	North Shore Regional Office P.O. Box 488 New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 5E5
Stewiacke*	Harvey MacArthur Executive Director	P.O. Box 950 Truro, N.S. B2N 5G7
Sydney Mines	Don MacKenzie Social Service Worker	Main Street Sydney Mines, N.S. B1V 2L4
Trenton	Cyril Reddy Regional Administrator	North Shore Regional Office P.O. Box 488 New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 5E5
Truro	Harvey MacArthur Executive Director	P.O. Box 950 Truro, N.S. B2N 5G7
Westville	Cyril Reddy Regional Administrator	North Shore Regional Office P.O. Box 488 New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 5E5
Windsor	Lubin G. Bourque District Supervisor	P.O. Box 2350 Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0
Wolfville	Lubin G. Bourque District Supervisor	P.O. Box 2350 Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0
Yarmouth	Douglas Raymond Regional Administrator	Western Regional Office P.O. Box 460 Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4B5

Municipalities

Annapolis County	Brian Taylor Director, Social Services	Municipal Administration Building P.O. Box 100 Annapolis Royal, N.S. B0S 1A0
Antigonish County	L.A. Mills District Supervisor	Antigonish District Office Suite 101, 11 James Street Antigonish, N.S. B2G 1R6

Argyle	Douglas Raymond Regional Administrator	Western Regional Office P.O. Box 460 Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4B5
Barrington	Raymond G. Harris District Supervisor	Shelburne District Office P.O. Box 9 Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0
Cape Breton County	Hugh MacDonald Director of Social Services	865 Grand Lake Road Sydney, N.S. B1P 6W2
Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board	John Woodford Supervisor of Placement	Community Residence Program 292 Charlotte Street Sydney, N.S. B1P 1C7
Chester	Vacant District Supervisor	Lunenburg District Office Suite 105, Provincial Building Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 1V8
Clare	Greg Wiseman District Supervisor	Digby District Office P.O. Box 399 Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0
Colchester County	Michael Roma Director of Social Services	Court House P.O. Box 697 Truro, N.S. B2N 5E7
Cumberland County	Rosemary Currie Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 399 24 Crescent Avenue Amherst, N.S. B4H 3Z5
Digby County	Greg Wiseman District Supervisor	Digby District Office P.O. Box 399 Digby, N.S. BOV 1A0
Guysborough	Harold M. Roberts District Supervisor	P.O. Box 90 Chedabucto Mall Guysborough, N.S. B0H 1N0
Halifax County	Edward C. Mason Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 300 Halifax, N.S. B3L 4K3
	Dartmouth Branch	1211 Cole Harbour Rd. Dartmouth, N.S. B2V 1M9
	Angus Grant Supervisor	Cobequid Multi-Service Centre 70 Memory Lane Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 2J3
Hants County (Hants East & Hants West)	Lubin G. Bourque District Supervisor	P.O. Box 2350 Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0
Inverness County	James F. Gillis Director of Social Services	Municipal Building Port Hood, N.S. B0E 2W0
Kings County	Henry Bourgeois Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 100 Kentville, N.S. B4N 3W3

Lunenburg County	Vacant District Supervisor	Lunenburg District Office Suite 105, Provincial Building Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 1V8
Pictou County	Michael J. MacIsaac Social Service Worker	P.O. Box 488 New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 5E5
Queens County	Patrick Lachance Regional Administrator	South Shore Regional Office P.O. Box 1360 Liverpool, N.S. B0T 1K0
Richmond County	Norman Bartholomew Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 93 St. Peters, N.S. B0E 3B0
Shelburne County	Raymond G. Harris District Supervisor	Shelburne District Office P.O. Box 9 Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0
St. Mary's	L.A. Mills District Supervisor	Antigonish District Office Suite 101, 11 James Street Antigonish, N.S. B2G 1R6
Victoria County	Marion MacDonald Director of Social Services	P.O. Box 29 Baddeck, N.S. B0E 1B0
Yarmouth County	Douglas Raymond Regional Administrator	Western Regional Office P.O. Box 460 Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4B4

Homes for Special Care

Residential Care Facilities

Annapolis County	*capacity*		*capacity*
Nightingale Rest Home Mrs. Margaret Gallant P.O. Box 77 Granville Ferry, N.S. B0S 1K0	9	Saunders Rest Home Mrs. James Saunders P.O. Box 114 Bridgetown, N.S. B0S 1C0	8
Grace Haven Mrs. Eileen Frost R.R. #4, Bridgetown, N.S. B0S 1C0	15	Toole's Rest Home Mrs. Paul Toole R.R. #1, Wilmot, N.S. B0P 1W0	6
The Willows Mrs. Prudence Bathurst R.R. #1, Wilmot, N.S. B0P 1W0	7	Wallasey Place Mr. & Mrs. Randy White R.R. #2, Annapolis Royal, N.S. B0S 1A0	9

capacity

Stewart's Rest Home 14
Mrs. C.A. Stewart
808 St. George Street
Annapolis Royal, N.S.
B0S 1A0

Antigonish County

Highland Crest Home 40
Mrs. Martha MacNeil
44 Hillcrest Street
Antigonish, N.S.
B2G 2B5

Cape Breton Island

Cameron House 12
Mrs. Dewey Cameron
St. George's Channel
R.R. #2, West Bay
Richmond Co., N.S.
B0E 3K0

Mayfair Guest Home 11
Mrs. Dorothy Dunphy
37 George Street
Sydney, N.S.
B1A 4Y7

MacLeod's Boarding Home 6
Miss Jean MacLeod
P.O. Box 153
2 Williams Street
Donkin, N.S.
B0A 1G0

Victoria Haven 20
Mr. William MacLeod
429 Third Street
Glace Bay, N.S.
B1A 4G6

Jones Rest Home 7
Mrs. Jeanette Jones
1 Minto Street
Glace Bay, N.S.
B1A 5B2

capacity

John A. Carmichael Rest Home 11
Mrs. Erma Carmichael
66 Queen Street
North Sydney, N.S.
B2A 1A3

New Dawn Guest House 27
Mrs. Anne Kennedy
141 Dominion Street
P.O. Box 1055
Sydney, N.S.
B1N 2V4

Terrace Manor 21
Mrs. John MacAulay
208 South Street
Glace Bay, N.S.
B1A 1W1

Robertson House 9
Mrs. Lorraine Robertson
P.O. Box 83
Margaree Valley, N.S.
B0E 2C0

Midtown Villa 15
Mrs. Elizabeth Blanchard
2465 Plummer Avenue
New Waterford, N.S.
B1H 1Z5

capacity

Heritage House 11
Mr. & Mrs. E. Robertson
P.O. Box 81
Port Hood, N.S.
B0E 2W0

MacNabb's Boarding Home 5
Mrs. Agnes MacNabb
35 Commercial Street
Dominion, N.S.
B0A 1E0

capacity

LeBlanc's Rest Home 8
Mrs. Agnes LeBlanc
P.O. Box 616
Louisdale, N.S.
B0E 1V0

Colchester County

Townsview Estates 78
Mr. C. Dale
P.O. Box 1825
Truro, N.S.
B2N 5Z5

Karlaine Place 8
Mrs. Bernice Barnhill
P.O. Box 691
Truro, N.S.
B2N 5E5

MacNeil's Rest Home 13
Mrs. John MacNeil
Great Village, N.S.
B0M 1L0

Cunningham's Rest Home 17
Mrs. Dorothy Cunningham
P.O. Box 1145
Blair Avenue
Tatamagouche, N.S.
B0K 1V0

Elmwood Manor 9
Ms. Germaine Melanson
Stewiacke, N.S.
B0N 2J0

Westside Villa 26
Mr. C. Dale
421 Prince Street
Truro, N.S.
B2N 1E6

Cumberland County

Sunrise Manor 20
Mrs. Anne C. Wilson
West Pugwash, N.S.
B0M 1L0

Hyland Rest Homes Ltd. 39
Mrs. Shirley Forbes
P.O. Box 487
Parrsboro, N.S.
B0M 1S0

Church Street Manor 6
Ms. Denise Gabriel
52 Church Street
Springhill, N.S.
B0M 1X0

Four Seasons Manor 28
Mr. & Mrs. Newton Wood
P.O. Box 134, Water Street
Oxford, N.S.
B0M 1P0

Shady Rest Estates 24
Mr. Rennie Bugley
P.O. Box 40, Water Street
Oxford, N.S.
B0M 1P0

Advocate Manor 22
Mrs. Georgia Lent
Water Street
Advocate, N.S.
B0M 1A0

capacity capacity

Victoria Manor
Mrs. Audrey Goldrich
12 West Victoria Street
Amherst, N.S.
B4H 1B8

Digby County

Sissiboo Rest Home 11
Mrs. Sandra Duran
R.R. #4, Sissiboo Road
Weymouth Mills, N.S.
B0W 3T0

La Maison au Coucher du Soleil 24
Mrs. Blanche Gaudet
Saulnierville, N.S.
B0W 2Z0

Halifax City and County

Eastern Shore Guest Home 12
Ms. Glenda Armsworthy Wilson
Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S.
B0J 2L0

Lynden Rest Home 19
Mrs. Deborah Morgan-Downey
6117 Jubilee Road
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 2E8

Nantucket Hall 26
Mrs. Marlene Webber
10 Fairbanks Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B3A 1B7

Twin Maples Villa 38
Mrs. Phyllis Hardy
349 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3S4

Southwood Villa 20
Mrs. Deborah Morgan-Downey
153 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3P8

Haven Manor 15
Ms. Hilda Stevens
6411 Coburg Road
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 2A6

Woodside Manor 29
Mrs. B.J. Robb
351 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3S4

Harbour Glen Manor 17
Mrs. Deborah Morgan-Downey
229 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3R5

Blue Dolphin Foster Villa 10
Mr. Allan James
Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S.
B0J 2L0

Hilltop Villa 11
Mr. C. Dorey
200 Main Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2X 1S3

Freeman's Rest Home 17
Mrs. Daisy Freeman
779 Old Sackville Road
Lower Sackville, N.S.
B3J 2R7

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Hants County			
Avonview Rest Home Mr. & Mrs. James Walsh P.O. Box 130 Newport, N.S. B0N 2K0	16	White's Rest Home Mrs. H. White R.R. #2, Kennetcook, N.S. B0N 1P0	6
Bennett's Rest Home Mrs. Claire Bennett P.O. Box 37 Shubenacadie, N.S. B0N 2H0	7		
Kings County			
Seyforth's Boarding Home Ms. Barbara Walsh R.R. #1, Berwick (Morristown), N.S. B0P 1E0	30	Eldridge's Rest Home Mrs. Judy Eldridge R.R. #1, Berwick, N.S. B0P 1E0	15
Wolfville Elms Mrs. Diana J. MacDonald P.O. Box 16 413 Main Street Wolfville, N.S. B0P 1X0	18	Hirtle's Rest Home Mr. & Mrs. W. Hirtle Aylesford, N.S. B0P 1C0	26
Hirtle's Rest Home Mr. & Mrs. W. Hirtle P.O. Box 84 255 Commercial Street Berwick, N.S. B0P 1E0	16	Seyforth's Rest Home Mrs. Barbara Seyforth P.O. Box 129 120 Foster Street Berwick, N.S. B0P 1E0	26
Lunenburg County			
Pleasant Rest Home Mr. David Walker 45 Pleasant Street Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 1M9	22	Lohnes Rest Home Mrs. Rita Lohnes R.R. #1, Barss Corner, N.S. B0R 1A0	9
Pictou County			
Sunset Haven Home Mrs. Rita MacIsaac 253 Forbes Street New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 4P5	40	Shady Oaks Rest Home Mr. Larry Brezenski R.R. #2, Union Centre Westville, N.S. B0K 2A0	12

capacity *capacity*

Queens County

Hillsview Acres 28
Mr. Raymond Fiske
Middlefield, N.S.
B0T 1K0

Shelburne County

Harbour View Rest Home 12
Mr. & Mrs. Willard Holmes
P.O. Box 11, Crest Street
Lockeport, N.S.
B0T 1L0

Abide-A-While 8
Mrs. Carol Oxner
R.R. #2
Shelburne, N.S.
B0T 1W0

Yarmouth County

Point du Marais
Boarding Home 7
Mrs. Joan d'Entremont
Box 236
Lower West Pubnico, N.S.
B0W 2C0

Group Homes & Developmental Residences

Antigonish County

L'Arche Group Home 6
Ms. Judy O'Donnell
69 St. Ninian Street
Antigonish, N.S.
B2G 1Y7

Cape Breton Island

880 George Street 7
Developmental Residence
Resi-Care (C.B.) Assoc.
Mr. Mike Walsh
880 George Street
Sydney, N.S.
B1P 1M1

Chemoi Group Home 8
Mr. Stanley Larade
P.O. Box 366
Cheticamp, N.S.
B0E 1H0

	capacity
Union Street Group Home Cape Breton Community Home Association Ms. Jane Crawley 30 Union Street Sydney, N.S. B1P 4X5	9
MacDonald Hall Group Home Mrs. Lee Fuller P.O. Box 610 Inverness, N.S. B0E 1N0	13
70 George Street Group Home Resi-Care (C.B.) Assoc. Mr. Mike Walsh 70 George Street Sydney, N.S. B1P 1H7	10
Clyde Avenue Developmental Residence Resi-Care (C.B.) Assoc. Mr. Mike Walsh 11 Clyde Avenue Sydney Mines, N.S. B1V 2E3	7

Colchester County

McCully House Group Home Ms. Lillian DeCoste 82 Lorne Street Truro, N.S. B2N 3K3	8

Cumberland County

Amherst Group Home Mr. Ed Thibodeau 1 Rupert Street Amherst, N.S. B4H 3R2	8

	capacity
Waycobah Group Home Mr. Tom Gunn R.R. #1, Orangedale, N.S. B0E 2K0	5
Byng Avenue Group Home Ms. Jane Crawley 93 Byng Avenue Sydney, N.S. B1P 5C1	9
Corinthian House Group Home Mr. Tom Gunn R.R. #1, Orangedale, N.S. B0E 2K0	7
Unity House Group Home Mr. Al Ross General Delivery East Bay, N.S. B0A 1H0	7

capacity

Halifax County

Abbott Drive Developmental Residence 9
Mrs. Bev Wicks
7097-7099 Abbott Drive
Halifax, N.S.
B3L 2L5

Gottingen Street Group Home 9
Mr. Larry Worthen
2690 Gottingen Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3K 3C7

Hawthorne St. Group Home 8
Mrs. Bev Wicks
63 Hawthorne Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 2Y7

Pleasant Street 8
Developmental Residence
Mrs. Bev Wicks
105 Pleasant Street
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 3P7

Oxford Street Group Home 12
Mrs. Bev Wicks
1613 Oxford Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 3Z7

MacDougall Avenue 7
Developmental Residence
Mrs. Bev Wicks
30 MacDougall Drive
Lower Sackville, N.S.
B4C 3E7

capacity

Victoria Road Group Home 10
Mr. Larry Worthen
70 Victoria Road
Dartmouth, N.S.
B3A 1T8

Basinview Drive 8
Developmental Residence
Mrs. Bev Wicks
3838 Basinview Drive
Halifax, N.S.
B3K 5A2

Vernon Street Group Home 8
Mrs. Bev Wicks
1648 Vernon Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3H 3N1

Robert Allen Drive 7
Developmental Residence
Mrs. Bev Wicks
31 Robert Allen Drive
Halifax, N.S.
B3M 3G9

Joseph Howe Drive 8
Group Home
Mr. Larry Worthen
3235-3241 Joseph Howe Drive
Halifax, N.S.
B3L 4H3

Home for Independent Living 6
Mr. Murray McIvor
2505 Oxford Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3L 2T5

Hants County

Kings Meadows Group Home 10
Gary Campbell
R.R. #1
Windsor, N.S.
B0N 2T0

Lantz Group Home 8
Mr. Robin C. Strickland
P.O. Box 175
Lantz, N.S.
B0N 1R0

capacity capacity

Kings County

Kentville Group Home 8
Mr. Bob Hartlen
14 Oakdene Terrace
Kentville, N.S.
B4N 2B5

Wolfville Developmental 11
Residence
Mr. Bob Hartlen
462 Main Street
Wolfville, N.S.
B0P 1X0

Lunenburg County

LaHave Manor Group Home 9
Mrs. Carolyn Mossman
58 Alexandra Avenue
Bridgewater, N.S.
B4V 1H1

Bonny Lea Farm 19
Ms. Marilee Hewitt
P.O. Box 560, Windsor Road
Chester, N.S.
B0J 1J0

Pictou County

Temperance Street 8
Developmental Residence
Mrs. Linda Boucher
304 Temperance Street
New Glasgow, N.S.
B2H 3B5

Foord Street Group Home 8
Mrs. Linda Boucher
100 N. Foord Street, Stellarton
c/o 304 Temperance Street
New Glasgow, N.S.
B2H 3B5

Licensed Nursing Homes

Annapolis County capacity capacity

Stewart's Nursing Home 14
Mrs. C.A. Stewart
808 St. George Street
Annapolis Royal, N.S.
B0S 1A0

Annapolis Royal 43
Nursing Home
Mrs. Florence Wolfe
St. George Street
Annapolis Royal, N.S.
B0S 1A0

Northhills Nursing Home 50
Mr. Ken Young
Granville Ferry, N.S.
B0S 1A0

Cape Breton Island

Spring Garden Villa 264
Mrs. Mary Thompson
70 St. Anthony Drive
Sydney, N.S.
B1S 2R5

Victoria Haven Nursing Home 23
Mr. Willliam MacLeod
429A Third Street
Glace Bay, N.S.
B1A 4G6

	capacity
MacGillivray Guest Home Mr. Jack Coffey 25 Xavier Drive Sydney, N.S. B1S 2R9	74
St. Anne's Community & Nursing Care Centre Mrs. Myrtle Boudreau P.O. Box 128 Arichat, N.S. B0E 1A0	24

Colchester County

	capacity
Glenview Lodge Mr. Charles Dale East Prince Street Truro, N.S. B2N 5B2	47
Hillcrest Manors Ltd. Mrs. Carol MacMillan P.O. Box 1210, Manor Drive Truro, N.S. B2N 5H1	119

Cumberland County

	capacity
MacAloney's Nursing Home Mr. A.J. MacAloney P.O. Box 2170, 17 MacFarlane St. Springhill, N.S. B0M 1X0	36
Gables Lodge Mr. & Mrs. Syed Hussain 252 Church Street Amherst, N.S. B4H 3B3	95

Guysborough County

	capacity
MacKaracher's Nursing Home Mr. & Mrs. L.R. MacKaracher Sherbrooke, N.S. B0J 3C0	30

Halifax City and County

	capacity
Glades Lodge Mrs. Jan White 25 Alton Drive Armdale, N.S. B3N 1M1	123
Fairview Villa Mr. Rick Grabowski 245 Main Avenue Fairview, N.S. B3M 1B7	207
Park Haven Estates Ms. Kristin Schmitz 126 Purcell's Cove Road Halifax, N.S. B3P 1B5	249
Scotia Nursing Home Mr. Glen Griffin Beaverbank, N.S. B0N 1A0	45
Colonial Nursing Home Mrs. Deborah Morgan-Downey 1019 Lucknow Street Halifax, N.S. B3H 2T2	24
Melville Lodge Mr. Syed Hussain 50 Shoreham Lane Halifax, N.S. B3P 2R3	100

capacity

Kings County

Wolfville Nursing Home 66
Mrs. Diana J. MacDonald
P.O. Box 16, R.R. #2, 345 Main St.
Wolfville, N.S.
B0P 1X0

Lunenburg County

Mahone Nursing Home 35
Ms. Paula Rankin
P.O. Box 320
Mahone Bay, N.S.
B0J 2E0

Queens County

North Queens Nursing Home 42
Mr. Gerald Lohnes
P.O. Box 181
Caledonia, N.S.
B0T 1B0

Shelburne County

Surf Lodge Nursing Home 26
Ms. Madrine Enslow
P.O. Box 160
Lockeport, N.S.
B0T 1L0

Yarmouth County

Villa St. Joseph du Lac 79
Sister Estelle Arsenault
RR #1
P.O. Box 810, Lakeside
Yarmouth, N.S.
B5A 4A5

Municipally Operated Homes for the Aged

Annapolis County

Mountain Lea Lodge 106
Mr. Larry Masters
RR #1, Church Street
Bridgetown, N.S.
B0S 1C0

capacity

Palmeter's Country Home 97
Mr. Allan Griffin
655 Park Street
Kentville, N.S.
B4N 3V7

capacity

Antigonish County

R.K. MacDonald Guest Home 106
Rose Evelyn Lindsay
64 Pleasant Street
Antigonish, N.S.
B2G 1W7

Cape Breton Island

Alderwood Home for the Aged 69
Mrs. Marcella Roberts
P.O. Box 218
Baddeck, N.S.
B0E 1B0

Seaview Manor 101
Mr. Dan Munroe
275 South Street
Glace Bay, N.S.
B1A 1W6

Inverary Manor 60
Mrs. Joan MacLellan
Box 460, Maple Street
Inverness, N.S.
B0E 1N0

Richmond Villa 75
Miss Isabelle Johnston
P.O. Box 250
St. Peters, N.S.
B0E 3B0

Foyer Pere Fiset 60
Mrs. Lorraine Aucoin
Cheticamp, N.S.
B0E 1H0

Highland Manor 20
Mrs. Donna Rideout
Neils Harbour, N.S.
B0C 1N0

Cumberland County

East Cumberland Lodge 65
Ms. Brenda Benjamin
P.O. Box 250
Pugwash, N.S.
B0K 1L0

Digby County

Tideview Terrace 80
Mr. Gary Burlingham
P.O. Box 1120
Digby, N.S.
B0V 1A0

Villa Acadienne 72
Mr. Henry Saulnier
P.O. Box 178
Meteghan, N.S.
B0W 2K0

Guysborough County

Hazel Hill Rest Home 41
Mrs. Elizabeth Richard
RR #1, Hazel Hill
Canso, N.S.
B0H 1H0

capacity

Halifax County

Oceanview Manor 182
Mr. John Morrison
Box 130
Eastern Passage
Halifax, N.S.
B0J 1L0

Hants County

Dykeland Lodge 75
Mr. W. Robert Brooks
Curry's Corner
Windsor, N.S.
B0N 2T0

Kings County

Grand View Manor 100
Mr. Richard E. Wagner
P.O. Box 309
Berwick, N.S.
B0P 1E0

Lunenburg County

Harbour View Haven 127
Mr. G.W. Crouse
P.O. Box 1480
Blockhouse Hill Road
Lunenburg, N.S.
B0J 2C0

Pictou County

Edward Mortimer Place 94
Mrs. Katherine V. Sullivan
P.O. Box 250
Haliburton Road
Pictou, N.S.
B0K 1H0

Glen Haven Manor 212
Mr. James Ferguson
739 East River Road
New Glasgow, N.S.
B2H 5E9

capacity

Valley View Villa 96
Mr. David Lank
R.R. #1, Riverton, N.S.
B0K 1S0

capacity *capacity*

Queens County

Queens Manor 60
Mr. Brian Selig
P.O. Box 1283
Liverpool, N.S.
B0T 1K0

Shelburne County

Roseway Manor 65
Ms. Jean Cox-Mahaney
Box 518
Sandy Point, N.S.
B0T 1W0

Privately Operated Homes for the Aged

Cape Breton Island

The Cove 108
Mr. Alfred Matheson
Kings Road
Sydney, N.S.
B1S 1B9

Maple Hill Manor 50
Mrs. Maryena Yurczyszyn
700 King Street
New Waterford, N.S.
B1H 3Z5

Northside Community 90
Guest Home for the Aged
Mrs. Lucy MacEachern
11 Queen Street
North Sydney, N.S.
B2A 1A2

St. Anne's Community & 24
Nursing Care Centre
Mrs. Myrtle Boudreau
P.O. Box 128
Arichat, N.S.
B0E 1A0

Colchester County

Willow Lodge 51
Mr. Douglas Cunningham
Blair Avenue
Tatamagouche, N.S.
B0K 1V0

Halifax County

Northwood Complex 576
Mr. Lloyd Brown
2630 Gottingen Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3K 3C6

Oakwood Terrace 110
Ms. Janet Rowe
10 Mount Hope Avenue
Dartmouth, N.S.
B2Y 4K1

capacity

The Birches 40
Mrs. Janet Crowell
Musquodoboit Harbour, N.S.
B0J 2L0

St. Vincent Guest Home 162
Mr. John Keohan
2080 Windsor Street
Halifax, N.S.
B3K 5B1

Duncan MacMillan Home 25
Mrs. E. Marie Parkin
Sheet Harbour, N.S.
B0J 3B0

Hants County

Windsor Elms 120
Mr. Donald Reid
590 King Street
Windsor, N.S.
B0N 2T0

Freemason's Home 60
Mrs. Ida Mounce
558 Wentworth St.
Windsor, N.S.
B0N 2T0

Lunenburg County

Hillside Pines 50
Ms. Sheila MacKinnon
77 Exhibition Avenue
Bridgewater, N.S.
B4V 3K6

Shoreham Village 82
Ms. Katherine R. Campbell
P.O. Box 380
Chester, N.S.
B0J 1J0

Rosedale Home 29
Mrs. Dorothy Cahoon
P.O. Box 8
New Germany, N.S.
B0R 1E0

Pictou County

I.O.O.F. Home 41
Ms. Janet Johnston
P.O. Box 850
Pictou, N.S.
B0K 1H0

Yarmouth County

Tidal View Manor 103
Mr. J.G. McEachern
60 Vancouver Street
Yarmouth, N.S.
B5A 2P5

Specialized Institutional Facilities for the Mentally Handicapped

capacity

Adult Residential Centres

Annapolis County

Annapolis Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 53
Ms. Patricia MacDougall, Administrator
P.O. Box 548
Bridgetown, N.S. B0S 1C0

Cape Breton Island

Braemore Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 70
Miss C. MacIntyre, Administrator
P.O. Box 515
Sydney River, N.S. B1P 6H4

Mary's Hill Adult Residential Centre (privately operated) 46
Mrs. Joan MacLellan, Administrator
P.O. Box 50
Mabou, N.S. B0E 1X0

Cumberland County

Sunset Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 145
Mr. Dennis Brown, Administrator
P.O. Box 130
South Pugwash, N.S. B0K 1L0

Halifax County

Scotia Adult Residential Centre (privately operated) 165
Mr. Glen Griffin, Administrator
Beaverbank, N.S. B0N 1A0

Kings County

Kings County Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 43
Mr. Keith Menzies
Waterville, N.S. B0P 1V0

Lunenburg County

LaHave Manor Corp. Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 65
Mr. Leslie Mason
P.O. Box 270
Dayspring, Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 2W9

Pictou County *capacity*

Pictou County Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 98
Mrs. Susan Curley, Administrator
RR #1, Stellarton, N.S. B0K 1S0

Shelburne County

Bayside Adult Residential Centre (municipally operated) 30
Mrs. Joanne Rose, Administrator
Barrington, N.S. B0W 1E0

Yarmouth County

Harbourside Lodge (privately operated) 64
Mr. J.G. McEachern, Administrator
Vancouver Street
Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 2P5

Regional Rehabilitation Centres

Cape Breton Island

Braemore Regional Rehabilitation Centre 60
Miss C. MacIntyre, Administrator
P.O. Box 515
Sydney River, N.S. B1P 6H4

Halifax County

Halifax County Regional Rehabilitation Centre 227
Mrs. Janet Calder, Administrator
P.O. Box 1003
Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3Z7

Kings County

Kings Regional Rehabilitation Centre 91
Mr. Keith Menzies, Administrator
Waterville, N.S. B0P 1V0

Children's Facilities

Community Residential Care Facilities

	capacity
Cape Breton County	
C.A.S. of Cape Breton Group Home F.A. "Sandy" Bowes 226 Whitney Avenue Sydney, N.S. B1P 5A4	5
Liscombe House (C.A.S. of Cape Breton) F.A. "Sandy" Bowes 84 Charlotte Street Sydney, N.S. B1P 1B7	5
Cumberland County	
Ramsay House Mr. Bob Mullins 151 Victoria Street E. Amherst, N.S. B4H 1Y2	6
Halifax County	
Halifax Children's Aid Society Ms. Marilyn Peers, Executive Director 1751 Oxford Street Halifax, N.S. B3H 2Z8	5
Y.M.C.A. Walnut Street Group Home Mr. Bill Vangorder 1841 Walnut Street Halifax, N.S. B3H 3S8	6
Sister of the Good Shepherd Group Home Sister Bernadette Collins 5724 South Street Halifax, N.S. B3H 1S4	5
Hants County	
Family and Children's Services of Hants County Lubin G. Bourque 2 Avon Street Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0	6

Lunenburg County	*capacity*
Special Foster Home 156 York Street Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 1R3	5

Children's Residential Centres

Boys' Residential Centres Mr. Frank Capstick 680 King Street New Waterford, N.S. B1H 3Z3	11
Nova Scotia Residential Centre Mr. Bill MacLeod P.O. Box 826 Truro, N.S. B2N 5G6	48
Residential Centre, Halifax Sister Bernadette Collins 1172 South Park Street Halifax, N.S. B3H 2W8	11
Residential Centre, Hebron Mr. Brian Amirault P.O. Box 95 Hebron, Yarmouth Co., N.S. B0W 1X0	12

Child Caring Facilities

Cape Breton County

Bairncroft Ms. Joan Ingall, Superintendent 1612 Kings Road Sydney, N.S. B1S 1E5 Phone 562-4284	15
Salvation Army Parkdale House Major Alma King, Superintendent 47 Byng Avenue Sydney, N S. B1P 5B9 Phone 562-5827	15

Annapolis County

S.O.S. Children's Village Mr. Jack Beaudin Nova Scotia-Canada Society Margaretsville, N.S. B0S 1N0	7

Halifax County

	capacity
Hawthorne House 131 Prince Albert Road Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 1M5	8
Independence Home, Halifax Region Linden Lea Court Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 2E2	4
Johnson House 518 Pleasant Street Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 1A4	8
Jubien House 233 Purcell's Cove Road Halifax, N.S. B3P 1B9	8
Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children 1018 Main Street Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 4X9	32

Children's Training Centres

Children's Training Centre Janet Bray 270 Pleasant Street Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3S3	40
Children's Training Centre Mr. Ray Francis P.O. Box 970 Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0	40
Children's Training Centre Mrs. Nina Clarke P.O. Box 880 Pictou, N.S. B0K 1A0	40
Children's Training Centre Mr. George Kingham P.O. Box 69 Sydney, N.S. B1V 2Y4	40

Youth Training Centre

Nova Scotia Youth Training Centre Mr. John Walker, Superintendent P.O. Box 460 Truro, N.S. B2N 5C7	198

Custody Facility—Young Offenders Act

	capacity
Shelburne Youth Centre Mr. Heikki Muinonen, Superintendent P.O. Box 400 Shelburne, N.S. B0T 1W0 Phone 875-3191	150
Cape Breton Youth Resource Centre Ms. Ann Shears, Director 571 Esplanade Sydney, N.S. B1P 1B4 Phone 564-0032	14

Specialized Nursing Care Facility for Children

Palmeter's Country Nursing Home Children's Unit Mr. E.G. Griffin 655 Park Street Kentville, N.S. B4N 3V7	27

Private Child-Caring Institutions

Nova Scotia Home for Coloured Children Mr. Wilfred Jackson, Executive Director 1018 Main Street Dartmouth, N.S. B2W 4X9 Phone 434-0674	32
Home of the Guardian Angel Sister M.S. Burns, Superintendent 6345 Coburg Road Halifax, N.S. B3H 2A4 Phone 422-7964	8
Salvation Army Bethany House Captain Gloria Bourden 980 Tower Road Halifax, N.S. B3H 2Y4 Phone 422-5900	9
Bairncroft Ms. Joan Ingall, Superintendent 1612 Kings Road Sydney, N.S. B1S 1E5 Phone 562-4284	15

	capacity
Salvation Army Parkdale House Major Alma King, Superintendent 47 Byng Avenue Sydney, N.S. B1P 5B9 Phone 562-5827	15

Adult Service Centres

Cape Breton Region

The Green Door Society Ltd. P.O. Box 266, Cheticamp, N.S. B0E 1H0 Manager: Georgina Poirier Phone 224-2000	20
Northside Adult Service Centre Haley Street North Sydney, N.S. Manager: Marguerite Ratchford Phone 794-3517	30
Regional Occupational Centre Vocational School Residence P.O. Box 839 Port Hawkesbury, N.S. B0E 2V0 Manager: Trina Hughes Phone 625-0132	17
Sydney Kinsmen Resource Centre 780 Prince Street Sydney, N.S. B1P 5N6 Manager: Peggy Beaton Phone 539-8553	70
Brass Tack Workshop Box 444, Glace Bay, N.S. B1A 6B4 Manager: Shirley Romo	20

Central Region

Endale Industries P.O. Box 222, Elmsdale, N.S. B0N 1M0 Manager: Mary Collier Phone 883-9404	30
The Bridge Adult Service Centre 10 Croft Street Amherst, N.S. B4H 2Z4 Manager: Mrs. Audrey Simpson Phone 667-8433	20

capacity

Golden Opportunity Vocational and Rehabilitation Centre 20
25 King Street
Springhill, N.S. B0M 1X0
Manager: Mrs. Joanne Hunter
Phone 597-3158

Butler Adult Service Centre 40
76 Lorne Street Extension
P.O. Box 396, Truro, N.S. B2N 5C5
Manager: Ann Cooper
Phone 895-5917

Halifax Region

DASC Industries 80
10 Akerley Blvd., Suite 24
Burnside Industrial Park
Dartmouth, N.S. B3B 1J4
Manager: Pat Devlin
Phone 469-0856

Halifax Adult Service Centre 115
3430 Prescott Street
Halifax, N.S. B3K 4Y4
Manager: Ellen Baldin
Phone 454-7387

Anchor Industries 40
Sackville Industrial Park
61 Glendale Avenue
Lower Sackville, N.S. B4C 3J7
Manager: Cathy Deagle
Phone 835-5188

North Shore Region

Heatherton Adult Service Centre 8
P.O. Box 35, Heatherton, Antigonish Co., N.S. B0H 1R0
Manager: Ms. Jovita Chisholm
Phone 386-2808

Summer Street Industries 40
874 Summer Street
New Glasgow, N.S. B2H 3Z2
Manager: Jeri Egan
Phone 755-1945

CAMR Community Workshop 25
83 Saint Ninian Street, Box 1330
Antigonish Co., N.S. B2G 1Y7
Manager: Mr. Leonard MacDonald
Phone 863-5024

South Shore Region

	capacity
Queens Adult Service Centre P.O. Box 100, Liverpool, N.S. B0T 1K0 Manager: Murray Kirkpatrick Phone 354-4830	35
The Ark Industries RR #1, Bridgewater, N.S. B4V 2V9 Manager: Ms. Kelly Bang Phone 543-5380	40

Western Region

Atelier de Clare Université Sainte-Anne Church Point Digby, N.S. B0W 1M0 Manager: Noland Belliveau Phone 769-3202	11
The Conway Workshop RR #2, Digby, N.S. B0V 1A0 Manager: James Woods Phone 245-5391	15
Kay Nickerson Adult Service Centre 83 Parade Street Yarmouth, N.S. B5A 4B1 Manager: Hubert Devine Phone 742-2238	30
Revolving Door Annapolis East CAMR P.O. Box 45, Lawrencetown, N.S. B0S 1M0 Chairperson: Tom Porter Phone 584-3332	40

Valley Region

Windsor Adult Vocational Services Centre P.O. Box 1075 184 King Street Windsor, N.S. B0N 2T0 Manager: Dorothy Miller Phone 798-5160	20
Beehive Adult Service Centre Commercial Street Aylesford, Kings Co., N.S. B0P 1C0 Manager: Bernie Jackson Phone 427-9443	30

	capacity
The Flower Cart 1196 Commercial Street New Minas, N.S. Manager: Jim Oulton Phone 678-2478	40
Wolfville Workshop Elm Avenue, Box 2 Wolfville, N.S. B0P 1X0 Manager: Kevin West Phone 542-7332	15

Sheltered Workshops

J.O.B.S. Unlimited P.O. Box 1524, Truro, N.S. B2N 5V2 Manager: Duncan Randall Phone 893-8819	20
New Leaf Enterprises 3125 Kempt Road Halifax, N.S. B3N 5N6 Manager: Joseph LeBlanc Phone 429-3420	25
Lake City Industries 386 Windmill Road Dartmouth, N.S. B3A 1J5 Manager: Christopher Fyles Phone 469-0247	20
Inverness Cottage Workshop P.O. Box 458, Railway Street Inverness, N.S. B0E 1N0 Manager: Caroline MacLean Phone 258-3316	25

Personnel and Office Telephone Numbers

Regional Offices

Halifax	424-4150
New Glasgow	755-5950
Yarmouth	742-7871
Kentville	678-6176
Sydney	562-5506

District Offices

Amherst	667-3336
Annapolis	532-2337
Antigonish	863-3213
Barrington	637-2335
Bridgewater	543-2411
Colchester	895-6337
Cumberland	667-3336
Dartmouth	424-3298
Digby	245-2581
Guysborough	533-4007
Hants	798-8319
Liverpool	354-3422
Lunenburg	543-2411
Port Hawkesbury	625-0660
Queens	354-3422
Sackville	865-5750
Shelburne	637-2335
Truro	895-6337
Windsor	798-8319

Sub-Offices

New Waterford	862-6289
Springhill	597-8157
Sydney Mines	736-6270
Whitney Pier	564-9497

Family Court

Halifax	424-3990
Sydney	563-2200
New Glasgow	755-6520
Dartmouth	424-4600
Amherst	667-3598
Yarmouth	742-7871
Kentville	768-8345

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